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ALEX IS OFF TO UNIVERSITY!

Courage of student who fought cancer during his exam course

GEM REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

PENARTH student Alex Baston demonstrated extraordinary courage in achieving excellent A-Level results, despite fighting a battle against cancer.

Alex, who attends St Cyres Comprehensive School, obtained two A grades and two B grades and is off to university – but even more important than that, he is recovering from a large tumour.

He told The GEM: "I had a 'Ewings Sarcoma', a very rare form of tumour, in my right thigh.

"At its biggest, it weighed nine pounds!

"I had 12 months of strong chemotherapy and a few operations to deal with the condition!"

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CLASS OF '73 BACK IN SCHOOL!

REUNITED: The class of 1973 at Holton Road Junior School, Barry.

OVER two days, two-thirds of the Holton Road Junior School class of 1973-74 came together recently – to remember, reminisce and renew friendships.

The Cherry Orchard played host for a meal, where 14 people, including Mrs Martin and Tony Grigoriou, were in attendance.

The next morning saw the group assemble at Holton Road Junior School, where the caretaker, Mr Mike Coombes, rang the bell, and Mrs Hope took the register – a very good way of applying health and safety regulations.

The former pupils toured both the junior and infant schools. Mrs Hope had the seating plan and duly directed the formation of the class for a photo.

The current headteacher, Mr A Gilbert, joined in the celebrations and also posed for the photograph.

The morning was filled with excited voices, discussing the changes in the school. The classroom where we had Welsh lessons is now a computer room, and our first form room is now the staff room.

Four members who couldn't make the morning and not pictured are: Tony Grigoriou, Antony Williams, Chris Hopkins and Nick Lima.

Saturday evening saw members of the three classes from 1973 meet in the Memorial Hall for a party.

Flowers were presented to Mrs Hope for all her hard work in making us the people we turned into!

Mrs Thomas, the headmistress from the infant school, sent her very best wishes as she was unable to join us.

Everybody had such a good time that further reunion events are being considered. If anyone wishes to join the class of 1973 in the future, call Mandy on 07989 022648. **AB**

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'Lack of respect' on Nato summit

WHAT on earth has possessed the Health Board to close Barry minor injuries unit for a week to accommodate the Nato summit?

We are told we can go to Heath hospital or Bridgend hospital for treatment... if the roads are open.

One minute we are told not to use main hospitals for minor injuries and now, for everyone else's convenience we can – because they can close our local unit without giving a thought to yet another inconvenience to local people.

Whoever is organising this lads' party at our great expense does not have one fully functioning brain cell in his/her head.

What I would really like to say could not be put into print about the stupidity, ignorance and lack of respect shown for local people.

Anne Usher, Barry.

Hidden housing crisis for disabled

I WANT to draw your attention to the plight of many disabled people in your area who face the misery of living in Victorian-type conditions.

Leonard Cheshire Disability has recently found that thousands of people across the country are being forced to wash at their kitchen sinks, sleep in their living rooms, or use commodes because their homes are not disabled-friendly. This is simply unacceptable.

There is a severe lack of disabled-friendly housing in the UK. One in ten people has a mobility problem, yet only five per cent of homes are built so that disabled people can visit with any degree of comfort, let alone live in them.

As more and more of us become disabled and we live longer, this hidden housing crisis is a time bomb for the future. We want every council in the UK to make sure that all new homes are built so they are easy to adapt if people become disabled.

We also want 10 per cent of large developments to be fully wheelchair accessible to give disabled people the opportunity and support to live independently.

I urge your readers to sign our petition for more disabled-friendly homes and share their own experiences at leonardcheshire.org/hometruths.

Thank you for your support.

Andy Cole
(Director of Corporate Affairs, Leonard Cheshire Disability)
66 South Lambeth Road, SW8 1RL

Campaign to end Severn Bridge tolls

LAST week, I joined Kirsty Williams and other Welsh Liberal Democrats to launch our campaign to scrap the Severn Bridge tolls when the bridges come back into public ownership.

This would put money straight back into commuters' pockets – someone using the bridge daily pays over £1,500 a year just to get to work.

It's not just commuters that will benefit. I visited a logistics company that told me they spend half a million pounds a year on Severn Bridge tolls – that's money that could be spent on hiring more staff and expanding their business.

Scrapping these tolls will inject millions of pounds into our economy, helping businesses create more jobs and building a stronger economy for our area.

I hope your readers will sign our petition to support our campaign at *www.ScrapSevernTolls.org.uk*.

Eluned Parrott AM
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HATRED BEHIND THE VIOLENCE

REGRETTABLY, some of the correspondents to the letters pages have fallen for media propaganda over the Middle East.

If one traces back to the days of Yasser Arafat, it is quite clear that Israel has been willing to accept a two-state solution. However, the Palestinians themselves have not been united, as the conflict between Hamas and Fatah, founded by Yasser Arafat, has demonstrated.

The Hamas Charter of August 18, 1988 states two aims – one of which is "*the obliteration or dissolution of Israel*."

In 2009, Tony Blair stated that Hamas does not accept the existence of Israel and continues to pursue its objectives through terror and violence. Nothing has changed.

Hamas embarked on a programme of firing rockets into Israel. Israel set up restrictions in an attempt to stem the missiles fired from private house gardens, schools and other places in highly populated areas.

Hamas built tunnels in order to infiltrate into Israel and kill as many people as possible. These took up to two years to build, are concrete lined, and would pass for some of the early London Underground passages! Many of the entrances to the tunnels are said to be in private homes.

Most reprehensible, however, is the Hamas practice of using 'human shields'. In contrast, Israel has on many occasions warned the citizens of Gaza of an impending attack.

Israel invested in the Iron Dome defensive system to intercept the incoming rockets, and it has installed shelters everywhere to protect its citizens.

That famous lady, Golda Meir once said: "*Peace will come when the Arabs will love their children more than they hate us*."

David Chapman, Dinas Powys.

Dog waste bags: *readers respond*

I AM writing in response to Mr Rhodri Williams' letter in last week's GEM (August 21) complaining against Llantwit Major Council rationing the bags they provide for dog waste.

If you can afford to keep a dog, then surely purchasing a supply of bags should not be deemed an extravagance, but a necessity? A check online indicated that 500 biodegradable bags cost £12.50, or 180 could be obtained for £10.

Perhaps his daughters could have provided an adequate number while he was dog-sitting for them.

S Monaghan, Cardiff.

Hard done by!

UNBELIEVABLE, so Rhodri Williams could only get five doggie bags supplied to him from Llantwit Major town hall and feels hard done by!

Mr Williams, you and your family decided to acquire your dogs and it would therefore be appropriate if YOU were responsible for the expense of cleaning up their poo.

R Davies, Barry.

Responsibility...

IN response to Mr Rhodri Williams' letter regarding the council only giving out five bags to clean up after dogs, maybe there would be money to spend on other community projects such as a decent play park for our children, if the council was not spending money on ensuring that people clean up after a dog *they* are responsible for.

Dawn Dunlop, Llantwit Major.

NHS Wales v NHS England

IN the latest letter from Mr G Smith he brings to our attention that the Welsh NHS is doing better than the NHS in England.

However, once again Mr Smith has been very selective in his comments and fails to mention that the urgent cancer treatment target has not been met for six years and the A&E waiting time targets have not been met since 2009.

Furthermore, he also makes no reference to the fact that one in seven people in Wales are on an NHS waiting list.

Finally, if he thinks the Welsh NHS is doing so well, why do Labour continue to dismiss calls for an inquiry into hospitals with high mortality rates and standards of care, despite the concerns raised by professional bodies?

R Gant, *Llantwit Major Conservatives*.

Hairspray show was 'fantastic'!

WELL DONE! *Hairspray*, directed by Christian Bullen and Superstars in the Making, is an amazing show and everyone seemed to enjoy the professional singing, dancing and acting.

Thanks for bringing such a happy, colourful and vibrant show to Barry. You certainly lifted the audience's spirits! We all loved it.

Liz Steele, Cardiff.

Organised chaos!

HAVE readers seen the advert on television where Ian Wright is trying to coach kids football but forgets to inform the other team?

"Can't fink of everyfing" he quips. Obviously meant as a joke you'd think, but not so.

Take the case of the 'Knap Gardens Soccer Day', Wednesday, August 20, organised by none other than the Vale Sports Development Team (no, I've never heard of them either).

Picture the scene in the office: "grass cut", *tick*; "pitches marked out", *tick*; "footballs and equipment ready", *tick*. What can go wrong?

Everything, if you don't tell anyone it's on! The posters only went up on the morning of the event, and I personally didn't see any advertising anywhere.

So, how many children turned up? Three!

Typical council organisation.

What's worse than having no-one turn up is the fact that we're paying these people out of our money! Where's Guy Fawkes when you need him?

Alan Jones, Barry.

Emma joins Jobs Growth Wales success

ABOVE: Emma Ball with Jon Hewittson and Jane Hutt AM.

EMMA BALL is the latest to benefit from Jobs Growth Wales, with employment at Vale Solicitors in Barry.

Financed by the Welsh Government and European Social Fund, Jobs Growth Wales has provided over 10,000 job opportunities for 16-24 year olds in Wales.

Emma was congratulated by Jane Hutt AM and Coun Chris Elmore, Vale cabinet member for education, supported by Jon Hewittson from Vale Solicitors.

Cadw Open Doors event in Vale

THE east Vale group of churches, along with the chapels of Trehill and Croes y Parc, will be opening as part of the CADW Open Doors event on Saturday, September 13.

St Peter's, St Bride's, St Mary's, St George's, St Donat's, St Nicholas and Pendoylan, together with the two chapels will open from 10am until 3pm.

The day will start with 'Prayers in the Air', a mass balloon launch from the church tower of St Nicholas, with each balloon carrying a prayer written by local schoolchildren and residents. Hot food will be available from 9.30am at St Nicholas.

At 10.15am, there will be a short walk from St Nicholas via Trehill and Croes y Parc Chapels to Peterston Church where walkers can enjoy their packed lunches and listen to a music recital from 12pm with a variety of people taking part.

These are Lindsay Gray's pupils and are of all ages – from a young chorister of the year national finalist – to some of the regular choir members.

The walk will then continue on to Pendoylan. All churches will be displaying church records and St Mary's will also be showing the history of Bonvilston.

The day will end with the ringing of the church bells at 3pm. For more information, visit www.cadw.wales.gov.uk/open doors and www.eastvalegroup.org.uk.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL SEPEMBER 4)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
28 Thur	08.49	9.5	21.02	9.6
29 Fri	09.21	9.5	21.33	9.4
30 Sat	09.53	9.3	22.05	9.2
31 Sun	10.24	9.1	22.41	9.0
01 Mon	11.03	8.9	23.22	8.6
02 Tues	11.48	8.3		
03 Wed	00.14	8.1	12.56	8.0
04 Thur	01.24	7.9	14.14	7.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Local shopkeeper fined for selling counterfeit vodka

A BARRY shopkeeper has been fined after inadvertently selling vodka containing a chemical that could lead to blindness.

Mohammed Sultan of Best One on High Street, Barry, pleaded guilty to selling and exposing for sale counterfeit vodka, found to be injurious to health, at Cardiff and Vale Magistrates Court on Thursday, August 21.

The joint investigation undertaken by the Vale Council's Trading Standards and Environmental Health teams came after a complaint from a member of the public, who said that the vodka seemed "fake" and had a "strange taste."

A number of bottles of vodka falsely branded as Selekt were seized by Council officers and sent to the public analyst for testing. The product was found to contain isopropanol, which if ingested could lead to blindness.

The investigation found that Mr Sultan had purchased the vodka from an individual selling out of the back of his van. The seller also provided a fake invoice for the vodka.

The court heard that it was Mr Sultan's first offence of selling counterfeit goods. He was fined £130 for each offence, ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £20 and costs of £805.44. The total fine was £1,215.44.

The Magistrates also granted an order for the forfeiture and destruction of the counterfeit vodka.

Principal Trading Standards Officer Christina Roberts-Kinsey said: "This case clearly shows the importance of purchasing stock from reputable traders.

"The consequences of selling counterfeit goods that are injurious to health are serious. In this case we are very lucky no one was seriously injured."

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, added: "This is another example of the importance of the work undertaken by Trading Standards and Environmental Health in safeguarding the public.

"If residents have any concerns or information regarding counterfeit items I would urge you to contact our officers on 01446 709105."

Summer outing to Hereford

FRIENDS and Neighbours Senior Citizen Group in Barry had a summer outing to Hereford, where they enjoyed looking around the cathedral and other historical buildings.

The second part of the trip was to Hop a Pocket Shopping Village in Worcester.

They are now looking forward to seeing Hairspray at Barry Memorial Hall with Superstars in Making. Contact Gay Fifield, coordinator, for further details on 01446/400044.

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'LABOUR COUNCILLORS ARE COMMITTED TO THE MEMORIAL HALL!'

by GEM REPORTER

THE Labour Party has responded to a Plaid Cymru claim that a town council meeting was cancelled because not enough of their members could make it.

The Memorial Hall and Theatre Working Party was due to meet on August 12.

At the time, Plaid's leader on the council Coun Shirley Hodges claimed: "It is disappointing that the majority Labour group on Barry Town Council are not taking a new funding agreement seriously."

Councillor Stuart Egan, the leader of Barry Town Council, contacted The GEM to insist that Labour councillors on Barry Town DO take the matter of the future funding of the Memorial Hall "very seriously".

***Coun Egan stressed**: "That is exactly why the last funding agreement was for five years – to give the charitable trust that runs the Memorial Hall the security of knowing what funding it would receive so it could plan effectively. Next April sees the end of that five-year agreement."*

***Coun Egan explained**: "It would not be normal to hold such meetings in August, but those on the working group agreed to meet.*

"It is unfortunate that the meeting had to be postponed. There are no substitutes allowed on this working group.

"So of the four councillors who have been elected to serve on this working party, at least three have to be present in order for the meeting to proceed.

"I am disappointed that Plaid have used this situation to attack the Labour councillors' commitment to the Memorial Hall.

"I can assure your readers that nothing could be further from the truth.

"In these times of cuts to public services, it is imperative that the town council is seen to be spending its money wisely and ensuring value for money for the public.

"No one can predict when illness will occur and no one can predict when they have to declare interests and remove themselves from those very discussions that they are passionate about."

***He added**: "Everyone was contacted and advised of the postponement, which actually saved money by stopping people attending the meeting needlessly, when it was known the meeting could not proceed.*

"Whatever happened to common sense?"

Nursery tots' leavers concert

AT the end of the summer term, Alison Williams and Karen Jones from KiddieWinkles Childcare based at Crossway Methodist Church Hall, Court Road, Barry) arranged a special 'leavers concert' for children leaving the playgroup to start nursery or 'big school' in September.

They invited their parents along and assembled on the playgroup stage with Alison and Karen – wearing funky t-shirts and caps to do some 'street dancing.'

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'A SUSTAINED EFFORT' PAYS GCSE DIVIDENDS

Thomas Jones achieved 13 GSCE grades (six at A and seven at A grade.

Lots of teachers were available to answer questions and offer advice.

Thomas Cosgrove achieved 12 GCSE grades (six at A and six at A grade).

James Scott achieved 14 GCSE grades (one at A, nine at A, two at B and two at C grade).

Mitchell Thorngate achieved 13 GCSE grades (one at A, nine at A and three at B grade).

Matthew Ireland achieved 11 GCSE grades (six at A and five at A grade).

Safety work is under way on Buttrills Road

PLAID CYMRU councillor Ian Johnson has welcomed the fact that work has begun on school safety improvements on Barry's Buttrills Road.

Since his election in 2012, Coun Johnson has campaigned for road safety improvements on the road, including an improved pedestrian crossing to allow children to cross the busy road safely.

He said there had been two car crash incidents on Buttrills Road in the past five years due to drivers speeding on the hill and losing control of the vehicle, so the road is being made a 20 mph zone.

He said: "I am pleased that these improvements are now being put in place on Buttrills Road so that parents and children will be able to cross safely on Buttrills Road in the new term, knowing that cars will be going slower than before.

"I would like to thank Ysgol Sant Curig and their parents for the hard work in collecting data and writing their school safety plan, the Vale Council for pursuing the grant application, and the Welsh Government for providing the funding at the second time of asking."

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Pupils' reward for 'tremendous efforts'

IT'S late in August and, once again, a cohort of students arrived at Barry Comprehensive School to receive their GCSE results.

A total of 82 per cent of students gained five or more A – C grades, with high grades achieved across all subject areas, including maths and English.*

Students who achieved top grades include: Thomas Cosgrove, who achieved twelve GCSE grades (6 at A and 6 at A grade); Matthew Ireland, who achieved eleven GCSE grades (6 at A* and 5 at A grade); Thomas Jones, who achieved thirteen GSCE grades (6 at A* and 7 at A grade); Harry Lambert, who achieved fourteen GCSE grades (6 at A*, 5 at A, 1 at B and 2 at C grade); James Scott, who achieved fourteen GCSE grades (1 at A*, 9 at A, 2 at B and 2 at C grade); Mitchell Thorngate, who achieved thirteen GCSE grades (1 at A*, 9 at A and 3 at B grade).*

Headteacher Gerard McNamara said: "I am very pleased with the achievements of our students. Their sustained effort over the last two years has paid dividends.

"We look forward to further achievement as students progress to the sixth form.

"This success would not be possible without the continued commitment of our staff, teaching and non-teaching, who really do go the extra mile for our students.

"We also need to recognise the support of parents at this very critical time.

"There is a real cause to celebrate in Barry and I hope families and their young people take time to celebrate well deserved success."

STEVE LORD, acting headteacher at St Richard Gwyn, Barry, said the school was "delighted" with the GCSE results students attained, reflecting the "tremendous amount of work over the last two years by both staff and students".

Provisional results: 5 A* – C GCSEs 82 per cent; 5 A* – C including English and maths 60 per cent; 5 A* – G 98 per cent; 100 per cent of students achieved GCSE qualifications.

Some of the top performers: Núria Horner – 7A*s, 6As; Heulwen Hill – 7A*s, 3As, 1B; Rhys Buckley – 6A*s, 4As, 1B; Samantha De Guia – 6A*s, 3As, 1B; Sammy Sutton – 4A*s, 6As, 1B; Reeta James – 4A*s, 6As, 1B; Daniel Clements – 11As; Emilia Bailey – 3A*s, 3As, 5Bs; Rachel Colligan – 1A*,6As, 4Bs; Kevin Jacewicz – 1A, 6As, 2Bs; Elinor Power – 2A*s, 5As, 4Bs; Jade Saif – 1A*, 6As, 4Bs; Joshua Stafford – 1A*, 7As, 2Bs; Jordan Taylor – 2A*s, 6As, 3Bs; Olivia Yarr – 7As, 4Bs; Kira Webber – 4A*s, 3As, 4Bs; Ross Adams – 7As, 4Bs; Bethan Williams – 6As, 4Bs.

RHOOSE SURGERY

VALE councillor Jeffrey James will be holding a surgery on Saturday, September 6 at 10am until 12.30pm at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose. No appointment is necessary; for further information, call 01446 710690.

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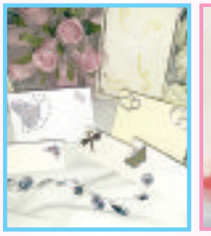

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Minor injuries unit going to close during next month's Nato summit

by GEM REPORTER

CARDIFF and Vale University Health Board has confirmed a temporary five day closure of the Minor Injury Unit at Barry Hospital during the Nato summit.

The short-term measure is being taken to help provide a triage and treatment service in Cardiff city centre to support police and ambulance services during the summit.

It means the unit in Barry will be closed from Monday, September 1 until Friday, September 5 and reopens on Monday, September 8.

Alice Casey, the chief operating officer for Cardiff and Vale UHB, said: "The team has looked at a number of options to try and keep the MIU at Barry Hospital open over these few days but unfortunately it has not been possible.

"The health board would like to apologise to anyone affected by these steps but would reassure them that the staff will be back in the unit on September 8."

Patients needing minor injury advice and support during the first week in September are advised to contact their local GP or NHS Direct (0845 46 47) first; or to visit the emergency units at Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in Llantrisant or University Hospital of Wales (UHW) in Cardiff if necessary.

The health board emphasised that it was trying to keep things as normal as possible during the Nato visit.

At UHW essential services such as urgent cancer services, outpatient diagnostics and elective services will continue as normal.

The health board is reminding patients and visitors to the Heath to leave extra travelling time when visiting the hospital, given the expected disruption at certain times in the lead up to and during the summit.

Services at University Hospital Llandough will continue as normal.

Regional AM Andrew RT Davies described the closure of the minor injuries unit as "disappointing".

He said: "Recently we heard that schools in the Vale are to close, and now patients are to be asked to travel significant distances for treatment.

"This disappointing closure must not be allowed to compromise patient safety and health board executives must explain why Vale residents are facing a significant disruption to local services."

Coastlands church rallies to survivors of human trafficking

ABOVE: Ladies from Coastlands Church get ready to iron donated clothes.

COASTLANDS Family Church in Tennyson Road, Barry, recently held a fundraising event, 'Rags to Riches' to raise awareness of human trafficking, particularly in Cardiff and south Wales.

A video 'Help Me' presentation exposed the world-wide criminal activity.

The aim was to raise funds for survivors living in the UK's first safe house, and offer a long term aftercare programme for women rescued from sex slavery.

Donations of exceptionally good quality clothing and accessories were sold and a total of £682 was raised. The garments were being sold yesterday (Wednesday) to raise further funds at Bethany Hall, Barry.

For further information, call Wendy Thorn on 07815 655550.

Community project holds its first AGM

BARRY Community Projects Ltd, the small not-for-profit company set up to run Barry Community Garden & Allotment, held its first AGM recently at Parkside Christian Centre. The garden and allotment is located next to Pencoedtre Splash Park off Dyfnallt Road in Gibbonsdown, Barry.

The meeting was chaired by director Jane Clay of the Citizens Advice Bureau and all of the directors were present, as well as the garden manager, Lisa Williams.

Also in attendance were volunteers, including those from the Woodlands Day Care Centre who have been attending the garden every week for a number of months.

They were each presented with a certificate of appreciation and a small token of thanks.

As well as the very hard work of Lisa and the volunteers, the success of the Community Garden & Allotment is down to the investment in time and finance of Environment Wales.

Also the provision of a 'Tackling Poverty Grant' through Communities First has enabled other excellent facilities to be provided at the garden.

The garden is open every Monday from 10am to 4pm and every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm for anyone wishing to get involved.

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PLIGHT OF 'KAREN' PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTED IN LLANTWIT MAJOR

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

ABOVE: Joe Claase.

ABOVE: Sonya with her husband Tah Dah Moo and their children, Abby and Matthew.

The desperate plight of the 'Karen' people of Burma is being highlighted at a coffee morning in Llantwit Major.

It takes place on Wednesday, September 3 at Tabernacle Church (10am) and is being organised by a local couple, Joe and Gwen Claase.

Joe told The GEM: "We want people to know about Burma's forgotten people.

"Our daughter Sonya (44) lives and works in Thailand supporting the Karen people who have been displaced by the Burmese Army.

"Thousands of Karen people face an uncertain future, living in squalid conditions with limited food, shelter and medical supplies.

"Sonya is visiting us in Llantwit with our two grandchildren, Abigail and Matthew, and people will get a chance to meet her at the coffee morning and learn more about the challenges faced by ethnic minority groups in Burma."

Joe and Gwen's son-in-law Tah Dah Moo (52) is still in Burma and involved in the ongoing peace negotiations as a member of the executive committee of the Karen state.

Joe (74) is concerned that people in Britain have a poor understanding of the political situation in Burma involving the military and displaced ethnic groups.

"The Burmese military tell displaced people (over the border) that they should return otherwise they will lose their citizenship, but people worry they will be enslaved.

"Scandinavian countries have a good understanding of what is happening, but we don't in Britain."

Joe said that in his opinion it is wrong to think that democracy campaigner and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi will provide a panacea for Burma's ills because she also represents part of the elite.

German and Chinese companies are leading the way in terms of trade with Burma, but Joe has doubts as to how positive big business is because the wealth doesn't trickle down to poorer people.

"The Burmese government is taking advantage of a cease-fire and using it as a smoke-screen to entrench their position in the ethnic states of Burma.

"Sonya works with the displaced Karen people in the refugee camps near Mae Sot, Thailand, and has done so for eight years. We have been there and crossed the Friendship Bridge into Burma."

Joe is a former South African businessman, Gwen his wife is English, and the couple settled in Llantwit Major to be nearer another daughter Glynis and her children who live in Swansea.

"We've lived in Llantwit for seven years and love it here," he said.

The coffee morning takes place at the church hall, Tabernacle Church, Methodist Lane, Llantwit Major, 10 am. For more information, contact Joe and Gwen on 01446 796005. The suggested donation on the day is £3.

Second most desirable postcode in Wales... LLANTWIT MAJOR!

by GEM REPORTER

LLANTWIT MAJOR'S postcode – CF61 – is the second most desirable in Wales, beating the likes of Cowbridge and the Knap in Barry, according to a new study.

Brynteg's LL78 postcode on Anglesey was ranked the most desirable in Wales with Llanidloes – SY18 – in third.

The Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Mick Mason told The GEM that although it may appear a surprise, it illustrated the fact that quality of life was as important to an area as wealth.

The Royal Mail commissioned the study of the most desirable postcodes to live in Wales, England, Scotland to mark the 40th anniversary of the allocation of postcodes to every address in Britain.

The study by the Centre for Economic and Business Research (Cebr) calculated the most desirable postcodes based on a range of factors including employment opportunities, health, education, crime rates and housing affordability.

Coun Mason said: "Llantwit Major has got the town centre, the beach and countryside all within easy reach.

"There are employment opportunities at Llandow and elsewhere nearby, too.

"We have had a recent affordable housing development with possibly more on the way.

"Llantwit Major Learning Community is on the way too.

"The Galilee Chapel has opened and is an opportunity to expand tourism in the town.

"There have been improvements at the beach area with the slipway – and there are no charges in the car park.

"We also have a great selection of pubs in the surrounding area."

Coun Mason, who has lived in the town for 40 years, said that the idea of the Vale being 'leafy and wealthy' was a caricature, and that its overwhelming attraction was the quality of life it delivered.

Sober halt on a walk through past history

ON a bright sunny morning, Penarth and District Ramblers left Taff Bargoed Community Park, situated on reclaimed land where the Taff Bargoed, Trelewis Drift and Deep Navigation pits once stood, crossed the Bargoed Taff River going through woodland and past two isolated farms.

An old standing stone on Mynydd-y-Capel, marked with the logo of a black buzzard on a white background, indicated they were on part of the Loops and Links Trail, a 180-mile journey linking villages in the Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Valley areas.

Crossing the undulating moorland, the views stretched to Garth Hill, then tramping eastwards meant views over Bedlinog, Merthyr Tydfil, the central Beacons and the Carmarthen Fans, whilst turning south the A470 and Aberfan came into view.

The white stone arches marking the graves of some of those who perished, are a constant reminder of the terrible disaster that occurred on October 21, 1966, when 116 schoolchildren and 28 adults died after a waste tip slid down the mountain.

The remains of Forest Chapel lay undiscovered beneath a covering of thick ferns, but several cairns were discovered before lunch.

Ansteep lane led downhill to Treharris, where they re-crossed the river following it back to their start point in Trelewis.

Roath race!

THE last of the summer evening walks was centred on parks in the Roath area when Val Hartrey led her small group through Waterloo Gardens, a park which is adjacent to Roath Mill Gardens and which opened to the public prior to the Great War.

They crossed to Roath Recreation Ground, where the walk became a race against the council officers who lock the gates at dusk.

Reaching the better known and larger Roath Park, which covers 130-acres of land and was designed and laid out from 1889 by William Harpur and WW Pettigrew and opened to the public five years later, they strolled through the extensive rose garden reaching the promenade and circuited the lake where the wildfowl were preparing for sleep. Following Lake Road West, the walk completed a figure of eight as they returned to their start point at St Margaret's Church.

On August 30, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile moderate, joint walk with the Caerphilly group at Tonyrefail; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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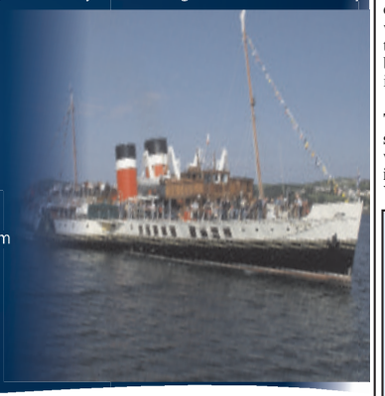

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MP joins Lido campaign visit

VALE MP Alun Cairns joined a 'Rebuild Barry Knap Lido' campaign group on a fact-finding mission to Pontypridd to view progress on the scheme spearheaded by Rhondda Cynon Taff Council which will see the re-instatement of a 460,000-gallon water attraction in the town centre.

The £6.3m scheme in the Valleys town will open in time for the summer of 2015 and features three distinct water features, restored original changing rooms and a double storey café and viewing area.

Mr Cairns joined Barry resident and campaign leader Barrie Evans and Lisa Edwards on the visit.

He said: "Having now seen the hugely impressive project in person, it can only help inspire the 'Rebuild Barry Knap Lido' campaign.

"We now have an opportunity to determine if Barry residents want to re-build the Lido, and that is why I will continue to support the campaign in the Vale.

"Whether the people of Barry agree with the Knap re-opening or not, it does highlight that there is no clear grand vision for Wales' largest town."

Witchell Hall opens soon

A BRAND new community facility is to be opened next month in the Witchill area of Barry.

The new Witchill Community Hall will be officially opened on Saturday, September 13 at 10am. Members of the public are welcome to attend the event where the hall will be showcased to potential users.

It is located on open space between Dyfan Road and Herbert Street and Welsh Government funding has enabled a new hall to be built on the site replacing the one previously hit by fire. The hall will be managed for the community by the 2/4 Barry Scout Group. **RB**

Alex shows his courage

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Alex (19) realised that to be successful in the battle for his health and academic future he had to deal with each challenge individually.

"Dealing with the condition and school became easier when I took the mindset that I had to separate my schooling life from the side of my life that was consumed by the condition.

"Also when I was learning I did my best to block out any pain or sickness and concentrate on a future goal. This was probably the most important thing because it gave me something to focus on other than recovering. My ultimate aim was to get to university."

Alex hopes to make a career in the legal profession: "I'm going to study law at the University of Reading and hope to then progress and become a solicitor!"

The headmaster of St Cyres School, Dr Jonathan Hicks, described Alex as 'inspirational'.

He explained: "The word courage is bandied around too easily these days but Alex's courage over a long period is a salutary lesson to us all.

"This young person is a credit to the school, his family and, most importantly, himself.

"His cheerfulness and his fabulous academic achievements this summer are an inspiration and I wish him well on behalf of St Cyres School in the next stage of his studies. Well done, Alex!"

• ***GEM note:*** *And so say all of us – a remarkable achievement!*

Alex Baston.

Finding colour in a grey world

NINE members of Sully U3A's Knitters and Stitchers group recently visited the American Museum, Bath to see the Kaffe Fassett exhibition.

Kaffe Fassett is a world-renowned knitwear and textile designer and the exhibition is to celebrate his 50-year-long association with the museum.

Kaffe's maxim is to find colour in a grey world and the exhibition did not disappoint. Everyone marvelled at his skill, use of materials and colour. There was also time to explore the museum's collection of American history, the lovely grounds and have tea on the terrace.

Sully U3A meets on the second Thursday of the month in The Old School, Sully. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 11 at 2pm when Dean Powell will be speaking on Dr William Price. New members are always welcome. **SC**

You can now read your GEM online - visit *barry-today.co.uk* and follow the link.

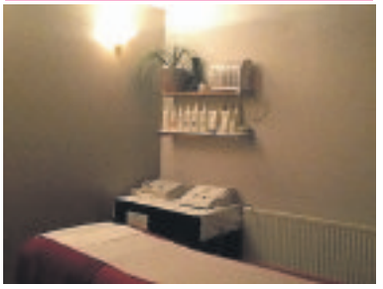
Tough Mudder test aids Help for Heroes

STAFF at Penarth-based First Choice Housing Association undertook Tough Mudder, a charity endurance event, in which they ran a 19km military-style obstacle course.

Created by British Special Forces to test mental as well as physical strength, obstacles played on common human fears, such as fire, water, electricity and heights.

The team endured sub-zero ice baths, electric shocks, mud mile and pyramid walls and were tested on their all-round strength, stamina, teamwork and mental grit.

The team achieved success in just over three hours and to date have raised £800 for Help for Heroes.



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Jackie is very proud of the salon, the staff and the customers: "I am very lucky to have such lovely staff who are great to work with. Our customers are also fantastic, there are many who have visited the salon frequently for the full 20 years and for that I am very grateful.

"I never forget I am one of many salons and everyone has a choice where to spend their time and money so I count my lucky stars that after all this time I still have a successful business and try my hardest not to be complacent. All of my sincere thanks goes out to all customers for their support and for making work such fun, and of course to the staff for great friendship, dedication and much laughter! Thanks everyone.

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Two men jailed for revenge plot

TWO men who were involved in a revenge attack at a remote location in the Vale, have been put behind bars at Cardiff Crown Court, ***writes AJ SICLUNA.***

The circumstances, said Judge Stephen Hopkins QC, were nothing less than "a set-up" in which the victim, Ieuan Bangford, was lured to a disused quarry where he was struck over the head by one of the men armed with an iron wrench, causing injuries which required five stitches.

Leon Booth (22) of Bridgend Road, Maesteg, a cousin of the victim, and Andrew Howells (25) of Wern Deg, Pencoed, who carried out the actual attack, each admitted a charge of wounding.

Howells also admitted possessing an offensive weapon.

He was jailed for a total of three years, and Booth was jailed for a total of two years, four months.

Said the Judge: "This case involved a set-up. Booth met Mr Bangford in a pub and drove him to a disused quarry at St Mary Hill in the belief that he was going to a club in Swansea. Howells lay in wait, and attacked him.

"This case slides past the custody threshold. It was a planned attack on a man taken unawares."

Prosecutor Ieuan Morris said that the three men knew each other. Some months before, a girlfriend of Howells had been communicating by mobile phone with Bangford.

Howells became aware of this and on a wet, dark night, Bangford was attacked from behind after Booth drove him to the quarry.

Howells shouted at him: "You go anywhere near my missus again, and I'll kill you."

The pair left the injured Mr Bangford alone at the spot. He was later given a lift to the nearby Chatterton Arms pub, from where he was taken to hospital.

Both men were said to be in breach of suspended sentences for drugs offences.

Meirion Davies, for Howells, said it was his first offence for violence and he accepted full responsibility for an offence which he clearly regretted. He was determined, he said, to put his life in order.

James Evans, for Booth, said he was not aware when he took the victim to the scene that a weapon would be used and his offending fell into a different category. He came, he said, from a respectable family and clearly he had behaved foolishly.

"He is worthy of a last chance," said Mr Evans.

Both men were ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £120.

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POWER WALK BOOSTS TWO CHARITIES

TEN employees from Aberthaw Power Station successfully completed a challenging walk up and down Pen-y-Fan in a relay race. The challenge was held over 24 hours, to raise money for local hospice Ty Hafan and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Pen-y-Fan is the highest peak in south Wales, situated in the Brecon Beacons National Park. At 886 metres (2,907 ft) above sea-level, it is also the highest peak in Britain south of the Snowdonia mountain range.

The five teams, which each consisted of two employees, raised an impressive £980. Following £-for-£ matching by RWE Generation, they will have a pot of £1960 to split 50:50 between the two charities.

Amy Lavisher, Aberthaw environmental compliance engineer said: "It was definitely a thigh burner on the second and third time up, but we had fantastic views of the sunset and sunrise with the sun at its most northerly point."

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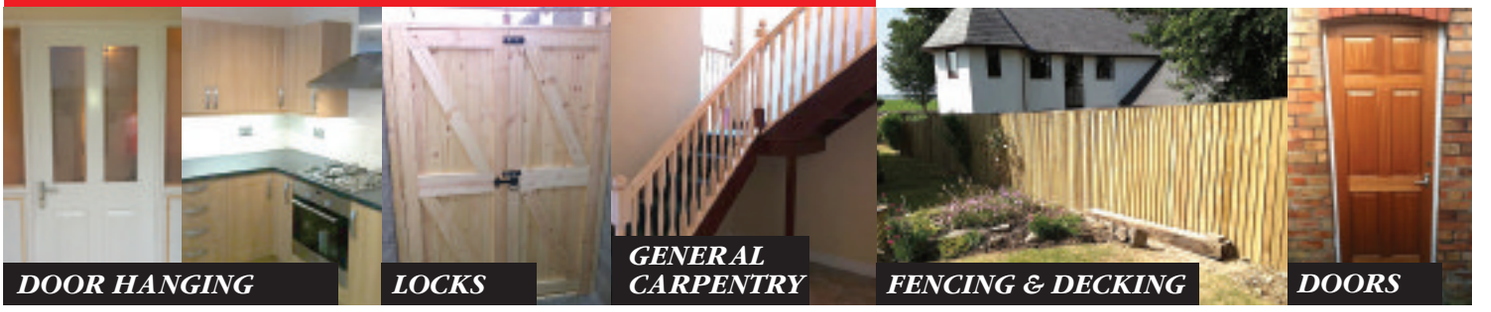

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Business breakfast celebrated 'coast, countryside and culture' at Vale Show

THE Vale of Glamorgan is regarded as an attractive destination for visitors and tourists, especially in the summer months, but increasingly throughout the year.

Although many are visiting for the day, the hotels, guest houses and holiday cottages are all attracting custom for holiday and business purposes, boosting the local economy as the 'garden' of Cardiff..

This was particularly evident in the weeks of sunshine during the school holidays when the trains and buses to Barry Island were packed with visitors of all ages for a fantastic day by the sea.

Along the Heritage Coast, the Vale beaches and Wales Coast Path were also attracting visitors in large numbers from all parts of Wales and further afield.

On cooler days, the parks, towns, villages, churches, heritage sites, farm attractions, Valeways walks, as well as the National Trust Dyffryn Gardens, were all busy too.

All these benefits of the Vale were discussed at the Business Breakfast hosted by the Vale Council at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show.

Facilitated by tourism expert and specialist, Steve Webb – the development of a 'Destination and Management Plan' for the Vale was discussed by a range of people from the public, private and third sectors with valuable insights offered.

Steve Webb reminded us of the importance of tourism to the Vale, generating £198m to the economy (10 per cent of the Wales total) and supporting 2,974 jobs directly or indirectly.

The catchwords to describe the Vale were 'coast, countryside and culture' and proximity to the capital city of Cardiff was also highlighted as a benefit.

The cultural richness of the Vale is reflected in the many internationally-recognised festivals that take place in the county including the Vale of Glamorgan Music Festival, Beyond the Border Storytelling Festival and the Cowbridge Music Festival attracting international artists, composers, musicians and storytellers.

The Dinas Powys Music Festival, Barry Arts Festival and local choirs all play an important part in the cultural calendar, as do the exhibitions at Art Central, the Travellers' Gallery at Barry Town Station and St Donat's Arts Centre. The historical heritage of the Vale is significant as well.

What a place to live and enjoy for residents, businesses and the wider world of visitors to Wales! We will be showcased globally during the NATO summit as many world leaders fly into Cardiff Airport to gather at the Celtic Manor and delegations stay in our hotels and enjoy our first class facilities.

In the presentation at the Vale Show, we were inspired by what success can look like and we know there is much we can do to support the Vale as one of the most attractive places to visit in Wales.

The message was very clear: "Located close to the capital city, it is a destination of surprising contrasts ranging from beautiful, rolling countryside and busy market towns and rural villages to popular seaside resorts and invigorating coastal communities...

"The Vale of Glamorgan is a place that refreshes the mind and body and inspires people to return and recommend its unique character to friends and family."

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by **Jane Hutt AM** *(Minister for Finance)*

Vale continues upward trend in GCSE exams!

Report by **GEM REPORTER**

ONCE AGAIN, Vale schools have produced outstanding results, this time at GCSE level.

Following on from the recent A-Level results, this year's GCSE results have shown a further improvement.

Coun Chris Elmore, the cabinet member for children's services, said: "The Vale's GCSE results this year show a notable improvement, which is testament to the hard work of pupils and staff."

There was a marginal decrease in the entries by 248 to a total of 12,660 this year.

At A and A* grade pupils were 1.2 per cent higher than last year's performance. Over on in five of GCSE exam entries results in an A* or A grade, while 70.9 per cent of all entries result in an A* to C grade.

This is an increase of 3.9 per cent compared to last year. There has been an increase in A* to G grade passes, which were 98.8 per cent this year, an increase of 0.7%, compared to last year.

In the Vale grade A and A* saw a percentage increase from 22.7 in 2013 to 23.9 this year; and A* to C, an increase from 67 per cent to 70.9 per cent.

All figures are percentages and based on WJEC entries only. Some Vale schools may use other examination boards and so final GCSE Level performance figures may change

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NATO road restrictions

THE Vale Council is implementing temporary traffic restrictions to "ensure the free flow of traffic and to manage inappropriate parking" close to Cardiff Airport during the NATO summit in the Welsh capital.

It will be in place between 12 noon on Tuesday, September 2 and 11.59 Friday, September 5.

The order will prohibit waiting on Rhoose Road between the roundabout with Porthkerry Road and the road's end. The road will remain open. However, a temporary legal order will be in place to enable the police to close the road if required. Waiting will also be prohibited on the unnamed roads that lead from Porthkerry Road to Porthkerry village.

Residents on roads affected will be receiving letters from the council giving them further details of the restrictions.

Picardy and Paris – *a choir's memorable tour*

by BARRI HURFORD

A CONTINGENT of men from the Vale returned recently from a tour of Belgium and France as part of Côr Meibion De Cymru, the South Wales Male Choir.

Numbering 77 in all, the choir travelled by Eurostar at the invitation of the Western Front Association to assist in commemorating the centenary of the Great War.

Centrepiece of the tour was their performance during a flypast of vintage aircraft over Glisy aerodrome which marked the arrival in France exactly 100 years earlier of men and machines of the Royal Flying Corps.

Another performance, on the same day, was in the truly magnificent cemetery at Faubourg d'Amiens, this time in honour of the British Expeditionary Force.

Particularly well received was the choir's medley of songs sung by British Tommies, a medley heard again at concerts in St Bertinus church in Poperinge and at Langemark, where the story of Hedd Wyn and the Eisteddfod of the Black Chair was told.

Accompanied, as in the trenches, by a solo mouth organ – on this occasion played by Captain Terry Rooney – the choir's humming of 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' brought tears to many a hardened eye.

Emotions again had to be controlled under the Menin Gate, memorial to the 54,896 officers and men who lost their lives in the Ypres Salient and who have no known grave.

Welsh hymns were performed following the nightly playing of the Last Post, a ceremony which has taken place every year since 1928 (with the exception of the German occupation period in World War Two).

Earlier visits that day had been made to St George's church, where consecrated kneelers on behalf of the Welch Regiment and the South Wales Borderers were placed by the choir on a visit in 1998.

With concerts in Belgium as well as France, introductions by the writer had to be carried out in Flemish and French as well as in English and Welsh! ITV Wales cameras were in attendance throughout.

Following a token appearance on the Videopolis stage of Paris Disneyland (completing a triple crown of Florida, California and now Paris), the choir concluded its tour with a call at the Welsh Dragon memorial at Mametz Wood followed by an hour-long recital in the magnificent cathedral of Amiens, the tallest in France. A visit to the gardens and palace of Versailles formed a fitting denouement to a tiring but memorable tour.

Local men taking part were John Rees Davies (Barry), Terry Rooney and Tony Summers (Llantwit Major), Peter Evans and Ian Lewis (Wenvoe), Colin Jones and Frank Maynard (Cowbridge) and Geoff Winnard (Llanmaes).

Airport chief is standing down

CARDIFF Airport has announced that Chief Executive Jon Horne is to stand down from September 1.

Lord Rowe-Beddoe, chairman of Cardiff International Airport Ltd, said: "Jon has very successfully steered the airport through the first phase of our path to re-establishing its fortunes.

"This includes halting the decline in passenger numbers, establishing good and improving customer service and overseeing the physical transformation of the terminal as well as securing CityJet and the return of Ryanair.

"The board is grateful to Jon for all that he has done in laying the foundations for our future, we have agreed that whilst he will not continue his executive role, he will be available to the board as an advisor," he added.

Jon Horne commented: "I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that I have had to work with the great team at Cardiff Airport, who have delivered very positive and significant change in a short space of time and it is a great credit to them.

"There is still much work to be done, but I have agreed with the chairman that a new perspective will be beneficial for the next stage of development and as such, I have concluded my executive involvement."

The airport's Operations Director, Debra Barber, has been appointed in the interim as managing director.

She joined Cardiff Airport in May 2012, following a career with the Royal Air Force, working as an Air Traffic Controller, before retiring as Group Captain and Air Traffic Management Force Commander, responsible for all RAF air traffic units in the UK and around the world.

Andrew RT Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, said: "While we remain convinced that nationalisation was the wrong course of action taken to address the declining fortunes of Cardiff Airport, John Horne has worked hard to deliver the modest improvements we have seen in recent months.

"The challenge for the next person in the role will be to deliver a wider range of routes and to work with operators and Welsh Government to make Cardiff Airport more attractive to the many passengers opting to use Bristol Airport instead."

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Sarn man is praised for catching burglar

A householder has been praised by a judge at Cardiff Crown Court for his courage in apprehending an intruder who broke into his home as he and his partner and four-year-old child were asleep, ***writes AJ SICLUNA.***

Nicky Diamond held 44-year-old Mark Walker in a 'bear hug' until the police arrived and took him into custody, said prosecutor John Lloyd.

Walker, of Bethania Street, Maesteg, admitted a charge of burglary and was jailed for 18 months.

He also received an additional six weeks for the breach of a suspended sentence which had been imposed for shoplifting.

Mr Lloyd said the family were asleep at their home in Heol Canola, Sarn, on the night of August 3, when they were awakened by the sound of their dog growling.

They also heard what appeared to be voices.

Mr Diamond and his partner, Michelle Broad, got up and went downstairs, where they spotted Walker. Mr Diamond immediately embraced him in a bear hug and Miss Broad called the police.

Walker appeared to be either drunk or under the influence of drugs.

Miss Broad said she believed that another person had been present.

Since the incident, she has been unable to sleep and is nervous at night.

At the time, her four-year-old son was asleep in another room but was unaware of what occurred.

Walker was said to have convictions for 88 offences involving 10 for theft and one for burglary.

His counsel, Andrew Taylor, said:

"His record is appalling. Sadly, his life has been dogged by addiction. Mercifully in this case, the child was not disturbed.

"When he was detained, he didn't resist and was caught red-handed."

Said Judge Stephen Hopkins QC: "This case is every householder's nightmare.

"The record of this defendant covers the whole gamut, from dishonesty to violence."

He paid tribute to Mr Diamond's courage in holding onto Walker.

"Burglary is not just an offence against property, it is an offence against the person."

Walker was ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £100.

Long distance MP's £11,000 for charities

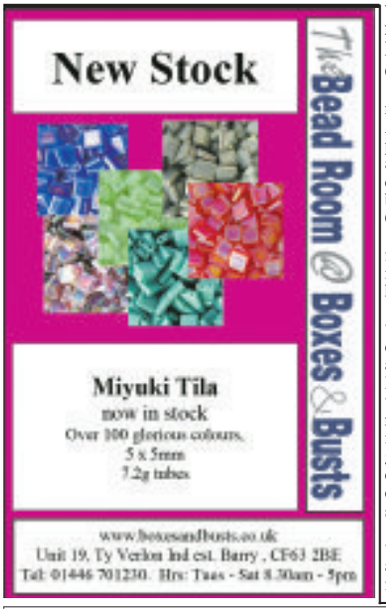
THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has met representatives from local charities Ty Hapus and Marie Curie to present them with funds raised from his London Marathon run earlier this year.

In total, the MP raised £7,533 for Alzheimer's respite care provided by Ty Hapus, and £3,939 for local cancer support offered by Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Mr Cairns was the fastest MP home in the marathon – in three hours and 34 minutes.

He commented: "I was absolutely delighted to have been able to present Ty Hapus and Marie Curie with the money I had raised from running the marathon – and so grateful to the community for their donations in supporting such worthy causes.

"Without their help, I would never have been able to achieve such a fantastic figure."



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Former rugby stars tee off for charity

FORMER Wales rugby international and Neath RFC fullback Paul Thorburn, who made rugby history with the longest place kick in an international test match – 64.2 metres (playing for Wales against Scotland in 1986) is teaming up with former team mates Bleddyn Bowen and Mark Title, for a charity golf challenge on September 5.

The 'Country to Coast Golf Challenge' will see them playing at three golf courses in 12 hours, to raise funds for Age Cymru at the Vale Resort in Hensol, Southerndown Golf Club, and the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club – recent host of the 2014 Senior Open.

Thorburn said: "We anticipate taking 12 hours to complete the challenge, and I am naturally delighted to be accompanied by both Bleddyn and Mark.

"We shared some memorable moments together with Wales and I am sure that the 'team' spirit, plus their golfing capabilities, will carry me through the day."

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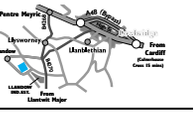

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BARRY WARTIME WEEKEND WELCOMES RED ARROWS

The Red Arrows will be performing a display at Barry Island on August 30 as part of the Barry Wartime Weekend.

THIS weekend, August 30-31 sees the Barry Wartime Weekend take place at the Barry Tourist Railway, with something to see and do for all the family.

Organised by the Barry at War group and Barry Tourist Railway to commemorate the Centenary of the outbreak of the Great War, this year's event features a Great War living history encampment, and other wartime themed displays. The event will also feature a display of classic cars, motorbikes and even a chance to learn some first aid.

For the first time there are even air displays by the Red Arrows and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, and the event is free to enter.

Event co-organiser Ade Pitman explained: "This year's Barry Wartime Weekend looks set to firmly establish Barry on the heritage tourism circuit, and provide an opportunity to showcase the new development on Barry Island promenade to visitors who would not normally have come to the town.

"For many, the highlight of the event will be the display by the Red Arrows, in front of Barry Island.

"The display is scheduled to take place at 12.30pm on the Saturday, with the centrepoint of the display being Wartime Weekend and Barry's wartime museum sponsor, John's Café.

"On the Sunday, at 2.30pm our second flying display will take place, when a C47 Dakota will display along Barry Island, and over the Hood Road site.

"The Dakota was the main aircraft used to drop paratroopers during the D-Day and 'Market Garden' airborne operations during the Second World War.

"Due to the popularity of this year's event, we have moved all of the displays and entertainment to the Hood Road Field, opposite Barry Premier Inn to make room for a craft fair at Barry Island Railway Station. The two sites are linked by a continuous vintage train service.

"The Hood Road Field will be crammed with displays for all the family, whether they are into wartime history or not.

"The Glamorgan Classic Car Club will be showing off some of their members lovingly restored classic vehicles, and the Military Vehicle Trust will be display wartime themed classic vehicles.

"Petrolheads will also enjoy seeing the many gleaming motorcycles on display, brought along by the Royal British Legion Motorcycle Group.

"We will have trade stands at the Hood Road site too, with more craft stalls, model aircraft displays, stands from Forces support organisations, and of course a fair for the kids."

Ade Pitman continued: "Thanks to our sponsors, the Vale Council, Barry Town Council, Newydd Housing, John's Café, Cambrian Transport, and Spectrum Displays we have once again been able to make this a free community event. There will be a park and ride operating from the Hood Road Field to Barry Island throughout the weekend."

The event opens to the public at 10am until 5pm on Saturday, and 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

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The Porthcawl RNLI prove to be fisherman's friends

JUST after 6am on Tuesday, August 26, the Porthcawl volunteer RNLI lifeboat crew were called to reports of a person in difficulties in the water near the notorious Witches' Point, Southerndown.

Both lifeboats were launched immediately, and the larger Atlantic 85 lifeboat reached the casualty first.

Volunteer RNLI helmsman Ross Purchase, who was in charge of the lifeboat, said: "When we reached Witches' Point, we could see a man on the rocks waving to us and pointing to the water. We followed his signals and crew member Chris Missen was the first to catch sight of the fisherman in the water.

"When we saw him, he was struggling to keep afloat, and I made my way to him through big two to three metre waves. When I got as close as I could, volunteer crewman Carl Evans jumped into the water to hold him afloat, as he was not wearing any flotation device, and I was concerned that he would go under the water.

"He was then assisted to the lifeboat by crewmen Lewis Evans and Chris Missen, who pulled him in to safety. I am sure that if we had not got to him when we did, the outcome could have been very different, as he had been in the water quite a time in just jeans and a t-shirt, and due to the large waves at Witches' Point, there was no way he could have got out."

Deputy launching authority Aileen Jones said: "This was a fantastic rescue by our volunteer crew in such a dangerous area. The fisherman was very lucky to survive, as his friend who was with him called 999 on his mobile phone, and informed the coastguard that he was in the water.

"This highlights the need to ensure that when fishing in such areas around the coast it is important that you do not go alone. Always go with someone, and inform family and friends of exactly where you are going and what time you expect to be home."

An RNLI boat leaving Porthcawl.

RNLI lifeboats race to rescue

AT 5.48pm on Monday, August 25, both Porthcawl RNLI lifeboats *Rose of the Shires* and *Harold Arnold* launched to reports of two people cut off by the tide at Dunraven Bay, Southerndown.

First on scene were two RNLI lifeguards from Southerndown Beach. They made their way to the stranded people by rescue boards through large pounding waves, and when they reached them, they remained with them and reassured them that rescue was on its way.

Next on scene were the RNLI lifeboats from Porthcawl. Volunteer RNLI helmsman Chris Missen said: "We could see that the RNLI Lifeguards were with the casualties, and they had informed us that there were no injuries.

"My next concern was that we had to get them off the beach quickly as the tide was fast approaching. I contacted the Coastguard to inform them of my intention to land the lifeboat on the beach, but was informed that an RAF rescue helicopter was only four minutes away, so we stayed just off the beach while the helicopter winched the casualties to safety."

Ross Martin, deputy launching authority from Porthcawl RNLI said: "This was a perfect example of a successful multi agency rescue by the RNLI lifeboats, RNLI lifeguards, RAF rescue helicopter, police and coastguards. It is for these types of calls our volunteers train twice a week, 52 weeks a year.

"Walkers should ensure that when walking along secluded beaches, they stay alert to the tide, and ensure they are able to walk off the beach safely before the tide comes in."

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OVER the Bank Holiday weekend, I headed off to Pembrokeshire to walk part of the Wales Coastal Path. I joined up with a friend of mine, Tori James (32) and her father, Richard James (64) who are on a mission to walk the entire Pembrokeshire coastal path as a father-daughter team.

The path is 290 kilometres long and Tori and Richard are planning to do this in approximately 20 stages throughout the year. Starting on the Carmarthenshire border and heading west, they have already completed five legs of this journey and the section I joined them for was from Stackpole Quay to the small village of Merion.

We covered just over 18 kilometres in four hours on the occasionally undulating terrain, but this journey was about far more than just the walking.

This route also included some very important historic and beautiful sites. Firstly, we walked over the world-renowned Barafundle Bay, known for its pristine sands. The beach was once owned by the Cawdor family of Stackpole Court and was their private beach.

Richard also pointed out the dilapidated deer wall running alongside the beach, which had formed part of a 400 acre deer park many years ago.

As we walked, I was intrigued to find out why Tori and Richard had set themselves this challenge and they explained that it was a combination of fitness, exploration, setting an achievable goal and having father-daughter time.

As we walked, I could tell they had a wonderful relationship. Richard showed a high level of fitness which probably has something to do with the fact that he keeps himself physically active as owner of Wood Park Off-Road 4x4 driving centre in Clarbeston Road, Pembrokeshire.

We stopped at St Govan's Head, near Bosherston for our lunch to learn about the history surrounding the14th century chapel that was inset into the cliff.

There are many stories but one says that Govan was an Irish monk who travelled to Wales to seek out the friends and family of Saint David. He lived in a cave where the chapel now stands.

It was only after I left that I learned that the cave was once a popular place for making wishes, so if you have a chance to visit it, make sure you make a wish!

It was a very inspirational weekend for many reasons and once again the family bond was key. Set yourselves a family challenge this weekend and make sure you join me next week for more sport and adventure. In the meantime, check out *www.burnseries.co.uk*

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When patriotic fervour ran high in August 1914

CERI JOSEPH, of Porthcawl Museum, looks back at how World War One affected life in Porthcawl.

THE August Bank Holiday weather of 1914 reflected the political climate.

Heavy rain was interspersed with periods of sunshine. Similarly, shadows of anxiety were offset with feelings of intoxicating patriotism.

The editor of the Glamorgan Gazette, following Lord Kitchener's call for 100,000 to join the colours on August 11, was motivated to compare recruitment in Bridgend with that of surrounding districts.

Within two weeks, the number asked for by Kitchener had been raised; which is not surprising as the Garw had raised 200, Ogmore 200, and Bridgend, itself, 115. However, his enthusiasm to encourage men to enlist had led him into areas of ignorance.

The editor remarked that, as Porthcawl had only managed a dozen recruits, it was hoped that the town would eventually 'rise to the occasion.'

Within a week, he was to withdraw those remarks, as he had failed to understand that, as a garrison town, many men were already registered National Reservists and Territorials.

Further, several men had travelled to the Central Recruiting Station in Cardiff to enlist.

In fact, by August 5, in response to the proclamation for general mobilization, Porthcawl had witnessed the decampment and departure of three Army Battalions and six local Naval Reservists; including James Pearce, William Hodgson and David Ockwell, who were to perish when *HMS Goliath* was sunk in the Dardenelles, on May 13, 1915.

On Thursday, August 13, following the initial military mobilization of the previous week, a meeting was held at the National School, Lias Road, calling for local municipal volunteers. In response, 24 Special Constables, 120 Coast and Channel Watchers and numerous local reservists were sworn in, to protect mines, railways and to attend musketry drill, in the case of invasion.

The Welsh Territorial Regiment moving out.

Patriotic Porthcawl's response was prompt and committed. Ladies of the Red Cross and members of the National Reserve Ambulance Corps, both under canvas at the Rest Home, unanimously answered the call for voluntary service both at home and abroad.

The local Boy Scouts offered their services to the Coast Defence Committee and set about collecting newspapers, weekly, in aid of the war effort.

Patriotic fervour was, further, manifested at the Pavilion on numerous evenings, when the orchestra played the British, French and Russian national anthems. Such was the enthusiasm that the audience often insisted on frequent repetitions.

Although TG Jones, the chairman of Porthcawl Town Council, stated that "local topics are but a reflection of national and international topics" not all residents were of the same mind.

Local issues still prevailed in certain quarters.

The cancellation of the steamer excursions by the White Funnel Line over the Bank Holiday; and the Government takeover of the railways, deeply affected the number of visitors to Porthcawl and hence the town's economical livelihood.

Quite a few businessmen were to continue to complain about this lack of profit throughout August; which in some ways confirmed the misguided belief that the British Army, and especially the Navy, would soon deal with the situation, and that it would 'all be over by Christmas.'

Yet, by August 20, while the German Army was overrunning the city of Brussels, Porthcawl was returning to a semblance of normality. Despite local scares and rumours, delayed holiday makers had taken rooms and apartments, the steamer excursions and railways were running limited services and tradesmen believed that they would recover some of their lost revenue.

These same tradesmen, though, along with notable businessmen and ladies of the town, were soon to form 'The Porthcawl Relief Fund' to provide aid for the families of local servicemen.

News from the front soon began to reach the town.

The first major battle of the war was The Battle of Mons, in which, Private Charles Neill Chambers, 1st Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, of 5, Railway Terrace, Porthcawl had served, having landed in France with the BEF on August 16.

According to records, Private Chambers was last seen on August 26, at the following Battle of Le Cateau, in which the BEF lost 7,812 men.

Before joining the colours, Lance Corporal John McClaughlin, Black Watch, had been one of the 24 Special Constables who volunteered in August 1914. L/Cpl McClaughlin was killed on January 21, 1916 in Basra.

Despite his mother Mrs Ann Chambers' regular appeals to the authorities for news of her son, she was not to be officially informed of his death until June 1916.

Yet, his official date of death was given as October 22, 1914.

This anomaly highlights the poor communication and prevailing chaos that was to continually impede military procedures and newspaper reporting throughout the war. Join me next month, to learn how Porthcawl prepares for the influx of recruits; and be amazed at the adventure of 65-year-old Bob Ching .

Prior to joining the colours, Corporal Robert Thomas John, Royal Engineers, had been one of the 24 Special Constables who volunteered in August 1914. Corporal John died of his wounds on June 17, 1917.

CERI JOSEPH, Porthcawl Museum.

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More cause for exam pride at Welsh medium Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

SEE MORE PICTURES AND A FULL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL'S GCSE SUCCESSES ON PAGE 17.

Betsan Jones (12A and one A) and Rhiannon Berry (13 A*).*

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GCSE STANDARDS STAY HIGH AT YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG AS PUPILS CELEBRATE

ONCE again this year, year-11 pupils and teachers at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg have in no uncertain terms, reaped the benefits of hard graft and perseverance this summer as the GCSE results were announced this week.

The outstanding results built on the success of last year, with 96 per cent of the pupils attaining five A*- C in GCSE or equivalent qualifications.

Most notably, a fantastic 20 per cent of the cohort (15 girls and 12 boys) achieved five or more A*/A grades, which included maths and English or Welsh and is testimony to the endeavours of the departments.

The school celebrated yet another set of excellent examination results which saw pupils across the ability range achieving their goals, reflecting their dedication to their studies.

Whereas the boys led the way with the school's A-Level results this year, the girls have triumphed with their GCSE success. Rhiannon Berry from Penarth achieved an incredible 13 A* grades and a distinction in further maths.

She was closely followed by Betsan Jones, Morwena Osmond and Sian Azilis Evans, with highest performing boy, Ben Popham.

Between the four of them they achieved 41 A* grades and seven A grades. Staff and parents are delighted to be able to celebrate with all pupils who have fulfilled their potential and look forward to welcoming them back to the sixth form where they can further build on this firm foundation for their future studies. Congratulations!

MAE'N rhaid dathlu eto yn y Fro! Cyhoeddwyd canlyniadau TGAU rhagorol yr wythnos hon ac unwaith eto eleni, penllanw dwy flynedd o lafur caled a dyfalbarhad gan ddisgyblion a staff yw'r canlyniadau TGAU.

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Testun balchder arbennig yw'r ffaith bod 20% o'r garfan (15 merch a 12 bachgen) wedi llwyddo i ennill pum neu fwy o raddau A/A gan gynnwys mathemateg a Saesneg neu Gymraeg sy'n dyst i holl ymdrechion yr adrannau.*

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Llwyddodd Rhiannon Berry o Benarth i ennill 13 gradd A ac anrhydedd mewn Maths Pellach. Yn ei dilyn hi roedd Betsan Jones, Morwena Osmond a Sian Azilis Evans, gyda Ben Popham y bachgen mwyaf llwyddiannus. Rhyngddynt, llwyddodd y pedwar i ennill 41 gradd A* a 7 gradd A.*

Dathlwn fel staff a rhieni gyda'r holl ddisgyblion sydd wedi gwireddu eu potensial ac edrychwn ymlaen i'w gweld yn datblygu ymhellach fel aelodau o'n chweched dosbarth ffyniannus. Llongyfarchiadau gwresog i chi gyd!

Nia Seviour and Dr Dylan Jones.

Nia Seviour and Chelsea Parker.

Nancy James and Anwen Roberts.

Megan Burrow and Paige Rosser.

PACT meetings

COFFEE and chat at the Blue Anchor, East Aberthaw, on Thursday, August 28 at 11am.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, on Monday, September 1 at 7pm.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Hebron Church, Pill Street, Cogan, on Thursday, September 4 at 6pm.

STANWELL PACT, at Elfed Avenue Church, Penarth, on Friday, September 5 at 7pm.

BARUC PACT, St Baruchs Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island, on Monday, September 8 at 6.30pm.

CASTLELAND PACT, Civic Offices, Barry, on Monday, September 8 at 7pm.

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community and Learning Centre on Wednesday, September 17 at 6pm.

A bike marking event is taking take place at The Knap, Barry, today (August 28) between 10am and 2pm. Why not take your bike along to this event where your local neighbourhood officers and British Transport police officers will be on hand to offer some valuable advice and free security marking for your bike?

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Out and About with The GEM

Former rugby star in book festival line-up

Harry Bingham.

Eddie Butler.

RUGBY pundit Eddie Butler and crime writer Harry Bingham are among the line-up for the 2014 Penarth Book Festival.

Journalist, commentator and former Welsh Rugby Union star Butler will be talking about his new novel 'The Head of Gonzo Davies', his career and will take part in a Q&A session.

Crime writer Harry Bingham will talk about his 'Fiona Griffiths' series of crime novels and other names include former rugby star and extreme athlete Richard Parks, who'll talk about his new book 'Beyond The Horizon', his extreme challenges and inspirations.

Adele Nozedar will talk about her love for British sweets and demonstrate how to make them at home, and there will be exclusive screenings of literary themed films at Penarth Pavilion.

The festival will take place at various venues across Penarth from October 13 – 19. There will be children's events on October 19 – 19, with a visit from Fireman Sam, a children's writing workshop with Rugby Zombies and 'Steve's Dreams' author Dan Anthony, and an activity workshop with 'Hattie Peck' author Emma Levey.

Visit www.penarthbookfestival.org.uk for full event listings and information.

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The programme includes music composed, completed or premiered in c1714, 1814 and 1914 in celebration of the centenary of All Saints' Church. Tickets £5, available on the door.

CAOS Table Top sale

CAOS will be holding a Table Top sale in Rhoose Community Hall on Saturday, August 30 from 10am to 12.30pm. The cost to hire a table is £5. For more information call 01446 713110.

'Open House' at bookshop

ANNE and Tony Hallett, of the Windsor Bookshop in Penarth, invite all their friends and customers to drop in to the shop on Saturday, August 30 to wish them well on the occasion of their retirement.

The 'open house' event will mark their last day in the shop before handing over to close associate Mel Griffin, who will continue to operate the business that Anne and Tony have built up over the past 15 years as an independent bookshop. All are welcome.

Ramblers meet

PENARTH and District Ramblers will meet on August 31 at 10am at Porthkerry Church (off the airport bend) for an 11-mile moderate walk taking in the Kenson Valley and Penmark. Contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry beaches will be holding their next monthly beach clean on Sunday, August 31 at Knap beach (adjacent the public toilets at 3pm) for an hour of litter picking. Contact Rob Curtis on 01446 736287.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, August 31 at 2pm: 'Gemau Cudd/Hidden Gems, meeting at Eglwys St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys.

Also on August 31, a coastal walk, meeting in the first car park in Porthkerry Country Park at 2pm.

FoE meeting

THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will focus on The State of Nature', with a presentation from the Vale Council's Ecology officer. Refreshments and a refreshing discussion on local environmental issues will be available at 7.30pm on Tuesday, September 2 in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

LIFT volunteers

AGE Cymru is looking for volunteers in the Vale and Bridgend to run exercise classes for older people.

LIFT – Low Impact Functional Training – offers simple chair-based or standing exercises to music in an easy and fun way. The exercises taught by volunteers will aid balance, mobility and co-ordination of older people.

Contact me, Margot Deveraux, Healthy Ageing Volunteer co-ordinator on 029 2043 1555 or email ageingwell@agecymru.org.uk.

Plant fair

THERE will be an unusual plants fair on Saturday, September 6 at 10am-4pm in Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge, CF71 7AH.

The event is for garden lovers, plant hunters and horticulturalists, with a chance to meet your local growers. Welsh specialist nurseries are bringing their prime plants, sensibly priced. Herbaceous perennials to hardy nursery stock. There's plenty of professional advice and local knowledge on nurture and nature.

Free entry to plant fair, free parking; for further information, contact 01446 774036.

Shadows club

SEPTEMBER 9, Penarth: Conservative Club, Stanwell Road (029 2030 9979) – South Wales Shadows Club's meeting, 8pm. All are welcome.

Mayor's coffee

THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor is hosting a charity coffee morning in aid of Vale Foodbank on September 9, from 10.30am – 12 noon in the Civic Office. All are welcome.

Choir recruits

AFTER a very successful annual concert at the Cowbridge leisure centre in July, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir had a few weeks off.

It resumes its concert season with a performance at St Lawrence Church in Lechlade on Saturday, September 20. Practice sessions start again at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on September 3, between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

The choir is seeking new choristers and an assistant Musical Director – email secretary.cmvc@gmail.com.

Church picnic

ST TATHAN Church invites everyone to a bring their own picnic for a hymns of praise get-together to give thanks for the school holiday and look forward to the beginning of the school term at 5pm on Sunday, August 31.

Ambulance forum

PEOPLE living in the Vale will have the opportunity to have their say on the Ambulance Service at the next Vale Co-Creating Healthy Change Forum meeting on Wednesday, September 17.

The forum, organised by the Co-Creating Healthy Change Project at Diverse Cymru, will be held at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, CF62 8DN from 10.30am – 1pm.

The aim is to bring people together, find out their views on health, wellbeing and social care services, and to link them with the organisations designing those services.

Contact Shelagh Maher on 029 2036 8888 or email shelagh.maher@diversecymru.org.uk.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D841.

- **£2,000:** 877269.
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Kooky 'romantic comedy' is an entertaining and refreshing experience!

by GARETH JAMIESON
Follow Screen Talk on Twitter – @GEMScreenTalk

THE fears that Daniel Radcliffe's post-Harry Potter career would struggle were assuaged by a sterling turn in *The Woman in Black*.

With several intriguing projects in the pipeline, Radcliffe's latest comes from a similarly (left) field.

In *What If…* he plays Wallace, a lovelorn soul who meets Chantry (Zoe Kazan) at a party, the pair immediately connecting. The only issue is that Chantry has a boyfriend, thus posing the question as to whether a man and a woman can truly be friends as the pair spend more and more time together…

The term 'romantic comedy' seems a particularly reductive way to describe a new wave of comedies that look at the travails of the heart through a skewed lens. The wonderful *(500) Days of Summer* was technically a 'romantic comedy', but then so was, for example, the atrocious Katherine Heigl/Gerard Butler effort *The Ugly Truth*.

Thankfully, *What If* cleaves far closer to the former than the latter, sharing *…Summer's* alternative look at love and its machinations, with a cast whose easy-going charm equates to some wonderful performances.

At the head of this are Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan, with Radcliffe's buzzing real-life personality dripping into his onscreen persona here.

Burned by love, the character of Wallace fits Radcliffe's mannerisms perfectly, and it's no derogatory statement to make that should he want to, then he would have no difficulty picking up the mantle of a 21st century Hugh Grant.

Likeable and fizzing with nervous energy and notions both noble and misguided, Radcliffe adds another deeply impressive performance to his CV.

Zoe Kazan has previous in this new 'rom com' sub-genre with the peppy *Ruby Sparks*, and much like that film she offers a likeable turn. She's a slightly unconventional lead but that only makes her a more interesting and intriguing proposition, and she shares a satisfying and touching chemistry with Radcliffe that you can't help but falling for.

They are ably supported by Adam Driver, who barely takes a step away from his character in TV show *Girls*, but whose turn is wondrously entertaining and watchable, while Rafe Spall, another British actor who is building up a resume of excellent work, manages to make the role of Chantry's boyfriend more than just a simplistic roadblock in the way of her and Wallace.

That his character isn't just your simple bad boyfriend is down to the smart writing of Elan Mastai, who brings TJ Dawe and Michael Rinaldi's play (*Toothpaste and Cigarettes*) to vivid life on the big screen, granting the characters their own moments with all of the main characters feeling rounded and real.

Michael Dowse's direction is equally as impressive, using Mastai's adaption to add extra dimension to proceedings, the film sharing a visual style with the likes of the aforementioned examples, all the more surprising given how his previous directorial forays were satisfying but lacking in personality. Here he uses animation and projection sparingly but wonderfully well throughout and the effect is cute and nicely judged.

Despite its attempts to steer clear of genre convention, elements do slip in (even if they are gently subverted) and it doesn't quite manage to maintain its zip and zest all the way to the end, the final third lacking the sparkle of what has gone before, but despite this, *What If* is still a hugely likeable, quirkily endearing effort.

VERDICT: Part of the new brigade of the 'romantic comedy' world, *What If* showcases lovely turns from the likes of Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan, and has enough kookiness to gloss over its third act weaknesses. Irrepressibly endearing, it's a lovely piece of work. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: (500) *Days of Summer* (2009), *Friends With Kids* (2012).

The Cathedral School celebrates GCSE success

Students celebrating GCSE results at Cathedral School.

THE Cathedral School at Llandaff has recorded "a very strong set of GCSE results" – with an average number of 10 GCSEs per pupil.

The average points per candidate score was 531, the equivalent of just over ten A grades per pupil overall; nearly 60 per cent of grades were A*/A, over 80 per cent were A* – B, and the most common grade achieved was an A, the school reported.

Small things can help Welsh language grow

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns is backing a Welsh government campaign to increase the use of Welsh in the Vale.

The campaign to encourage the local community to 'do the little things in Welsh' or 'Pethau Bychain' has been launched by the Assembly as part of a long term effort to gather ideas on how the use of the Welsh language in communities can be increased.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "The Welsh language is very important for my family, and to so many communities. I believe the use of Welsh can be encouraged by sharing ideas, and by doing the smaller things in Welsh, we can help preserve and grow the language as well as helping learners."

Alun Cairns shows his support for the Assembly Government's new #PethauBychain campaign.

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The bigger and better M&S Culverhouse Cross store will officially launch on Wednesday 3rd September.

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TALENT OVERFLOWING AS LLANCARFAN CELEBRATES FUN-FILLED VILLAGE SHOW

THE recent Llancarfan Village Show and Summer Fair was well supported and enjoyed by everyone who came along.

On display was an extensive range of show exhibits from handicrafts, paintings, photos, home baking and preserves. Exhibitors showed their green fingers with some excellent fruit and vegetables and displays of flowers and foliage.

The children's classes showed great talent in drawing, cooking and creative skills, with some amusing creatures made from fruit and vegetables.

Visitors were stunned by the amazing flower arrangements displayed in St Cadoc's Church from 'big, bold and beautiful' to miniature arrangements that could fit into a 4" cube.

Outside there was fun for all the family with a variety of challenging games, refreshments to savour, face painting and plants to buy. Several of the Llancarfan societies and clubs also had promotional stalls. The Welsh Hawking Centre put on a display of their magnificent birds and we were delighted that Jane Hutt AM visited the show to present the prizes.

The AM said: "The Llancarfan Village Show was a joy to attend. The range of excellent exhibits including flower arranging, jams, vegetables, tapestry and photography was excellent and I was delighted to present the winners with their cups and congratulate all those who took part, as well as the volunteer organisers."

The day was rounded off as the villagers and their guests enjoyed a real ale and hog roast social evening.

Kay Brain, show secretary, thanked all who made the day such an enjoyable success.

Trophy winners:

Adult Cup – Most points in competition: Jenny Knott; **Frank Taylor Cup – Best entry in Craft Section:** Val Lovering; **Richard Ferris Trophy – Best entry in Vegetable Section:** Sally Mills; **Alan Taylor Trophy – Best entry in Flower Section:** Joann Quelch; **RHS Banksian Medal – Best entry in Flower and Vegetable Sections:** Jenny Knott; **Trophy – Best entry in the Baking & Preserves Section:** Jacqueline Prole; **Mary Grey Salver – Best entry in the Flower Arrangement Section:** Melinda Thomas; **Junior Cup – Most points in competition:** Sian Bettley; **Hedley Gay Cup - Best entry in Junior Section:** Dylan Williams; **Michaelangelo Award – Best painting in Junior Section:** Freya O'Brien.

Class winners

Flowers

Specimen Rose: 1st Ann Ferris; 2nd Heather Stevens; 3rd Sue Mathias.

Dahlias – 3: 1st Cath Thomas; 2nd Kay Gay; 3rd Kay Gay.

Vase – Mixed Foliage: 1st Joann Quelch; 2nd Mary Grey; 3rd Heather Stevens.

Vase – Mixed Flowers: 1st Cath Thomas; 2nd Heather Stevens; 3rd Heather Stevens.

Pot Plant – Foliage: 1st Mary Grey; 2nd Gary Osborn.

Pot Plant – Flowering: 1st Mark Tuck; 2nd Jean Davies.

Pot Plant – Fuchsia: 1st Diana Atkin.

Vase of Herbs: 1st Clare Williams; 2nd Heather Stevens; 3rd Janet Alexander.

Vase of Sweet Peas: 1st Jacqueline Prole; 2nd Sue Taylor.

Flower Arrangements

'Tea for Two': 1st Sally Mills.

'Think Pink': 2nd Diana Atkins; 3rd Betty Pullen.

'Long, Short, Tall': 2nd Rose Stevens.

'With love from me to you': 1st Diana Atkin; 2nd Joann Quelch.

'Big, Bright, Bold': 1st Jenny Knott; 2nd Melinda Thomas; 3rd Sheelagh Lewis.

'Itsy bitsy teeny weeny': 1st Jenny Knott; 2nd Fran Winterbottom; 3rd Kay Gay.

'Loop the loop': 1st Melinda Thomas; 2nd Jenny Knott; 3rd Audrey Baldwin.

'Imagine': 1st Melinda Thomas; 2nd Kay Gay; 3rd Jenny Knott.

Fruit & Vegetables

Soft Fruits 9: 1st R Bettley; 2nd Heather Stevens; 3rd Jenny Knott.

Any other fruit 9: 1st Jenny Knott; 2nd Jim Barratt.

Rhubarb 3 sticks: 1st Phillippa Lewis; 2nd Sally Mills; 3rd Ann Ferris.

Runner Beans 6: 1st Jacqueline Prole; 2nd Bob Hartery; 3rd Jenny Knott.

Selection of 3 Vegetables: 1st Kay Brain; 2nd Jenny Knott.

Tomatoes – 6: 1st Ann Ferris; 2nd Jonathan Davies; 3rd Heather Stevens.

Cherry Type Tomatoes: 1st Jenny Knott; 2nd Gareth Tickner; 3rd Kate Jenkins.

Cucumbers – 2: 1st Sue Millard; 2nd Jim Barratt.

Courgettes – 3: 1st Phillippa Lewis; 2nd Bob Hartery; 3rd Heather Stevens.

Beetroot – 3: 1st Phillippa Lewis; 2nd Sally Mills; 3rd Kate Jenkins.

3 Onions – dressed: 1st Sally Mills; 2nd Sally Mills; 3rd Bob Hartery.

Home Baking & Preserves

Savoury Pasty: 1st Jan Crosta; 2nd Janet Alexander.

Boiled Fruit Cake: 1st Gordon Kemp; 2nd Jean Davies; 3rd Betty Pullen.

Chocolate Sponge: 1st Cath Thomas; 2nd Hannah Osborn; 3rd Kate Jenkins.

Apple Tarte Tatin: 1st Sarah Voisey Smith; 2nd Janet Alexander.

4 Cup Cakes: 1st Gordon Kemp; 2nd Bethan Owen; 3rd Jan Crosta.

5 Bread Rolls: 1st C M Merrett; 2nd Gordon Kemp.

5 Welsh Cakes: 1st Jim Barratt; 2nd Gordon Kemp; 3rd Betty Pullen.

5 Sausage Rolls: 1st Liz Hunt; 2nd Jan Crosta.

Bara Brith: 1st Bethan Owen; 2nd Gordon Kemp; 3rd Janet Alexander.

Any Cake – Men only: 1st Paul Jenkins.

Jar of Jam: 1st Jacqueline Prole; 2nd Brigid Ward; 3rd Sue Millard.

Jar of Marmalade: 1st Sarah Voisey Smith; 2nd Penny Fell; 3rd Sarah Angell.

Jar of Chutney: 1st Sally Mills; 2nd Penny Fell; 3rd Jim Barratt.

Alcoholic Beverages

Bottle of Wine: 1st Odile Maquire.

Any other alcoholic Beverage: 1st Paul Jenkins; 2rd Sue Millard; 3rd Kay Gay.

Crafts

Knitted Toy: 1st Val Lovering; 2nd Maureen Cotter; 3rd Val Willey.

A piece of Cross Stitch: 1st Sheila Mace; 2nd Sheila Mace; 3rd Alison Hannaby.

A piece of Embroidery: 1st Ann Sullivan; 2nd Diana Hannaby Bate; 3rd Ruth Jones.

Painting – Still Life: 1st Christopher Hannaby; 2nd Peter Davies; 3rd Maureen Cotter.

Painting – Animal: 1st Joan Raum; 2nd C M Merrett; 3rd Barbara Hodges.

Painting – Abstract: 1st Therese McCarthy; 2nd Graham Jenkins; 3rd Joan Raum.

Greetings Card: 1st Mary Gammon; 2nd Barbara Milhuisen; 3rd Val Willey.

Photo – British Wildlife: 1st Jan Crosta; 2nd Jan Crosta; 3rd Jane John.

Photo – Seascape: 1st Barbara Hodges; 2nd Mary Grey; 3rd C M Merrett.

Photo – Portrait: 1st Joanne Jeynes; 2nd Alison Hannaby; 3rd Jan Crosta.

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Garden in a Box 8 and under: 1stAnwen Owen; 2nd Arianne Barratt.

Garden in a Box 9 and over: 1st Tudor Barratt.

Vase of Flowers: 1st Lucy S Moody.

Animal from Vegetables: 1st Dylan Williams; 2nd Tudor Barratt; 3rd Sam Jenkins.

Paint a Pebble 8 and under:1st Chloe Croll; 2nd Charlie Moody; 3rd Megan Bettley.

Paint a Pebble 9 and over: 1st Sophie Voisey Smith; 2nd Sian Bettley.

Model from Recycled Mat: 1st Molly Reynolds Chislett; 2nd Isabel Zehnder; 3rd Harriet Osborn.

Pencil Drawing 8 and under: 1st Freya O'Brien; 2nd Megan Bettley; 3rd Leila Banner.

Pencil Drawing 9 and over: 1st Sian Bettley; 2nd Harry Cooper James; 3rd Jo Dixie.

4 Cup Cakes: 1st Anwen Owen; 2nd Chloe Croll; 3rd Helen Jenkins.

4 Jam Tarts: 1st Alice Voisey Smith; 2nd Sophie Voisey Smith.

A 'Selfie' Photo: 1st Lydia Llewellyn Blakemore; 2nd Sam Jenkins; 3rd Nia Thomas.

Photo – An Animal: 1st Lucy Moody; 2nd Sam Jenkins; 3rd Sian Bettley.

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COWBRIDGE resident Jacquie Jenkins is calling on the whole community to join her at her charity coffee morning to support local people affected by cancer.

After a successful event last year Jacquie and friends raised an amazing £1,005 for Macmillan Cancer Support and are hoping to beat this total for 2014.

They will be hosting their coffee morning at the Cowbridge Rugby Club, CF71 7DB on Saturday, September 27 from 10:30am until 12pm.

Jacquie said: "Raising money for Macmillan is so important so they can continue their fantastic work. Last year's event was a huge success thanks to the members of the community who were willing to donate or help.

"Supporting this charity is particularly close to my heart as I don't know how my family would have coped without the support of our Macmillan nurse and her team. The care and support they gave my Mum when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer and throughout her illness – along with the support for us, her family, was priceless.

"I will always feel indebted to Macmillan, which is why I will continue to help raise money so that other families can benefit from their fantastic support."

Macmillan's fundraising manager for the Vale of Glamorgan, Rebecca Parke said: "World's Biggest Coffee Morning is our flagship fundraising event and over 154,000 people took part last year.

"Events like Jacquie's are fantastic – they not only raise vital funds for people affected by cancer but also drive local community spirit!

"They have a great morning planned with plenty of activities and not forgetting the all-important cake!

"Every pound raised by those taking part in events like World's Biggest Coffee Morning helps us be there for someone with cancer when they need us most – so ask your friends, family or work mates to come for coffee – and raise some money to support Macmillan!" she urged.

So why not pop in and join Jacquie and friends to support Macmillan. For further information, please contact Jacquie on 07921 768964 or email jacquiejenks@tiscali.co.uk.

It's not too late to register your coffee morning. To find out more visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 602 1246

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EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE TRIBUTE TO PUPILS AND STAFF IN THE VALE

VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun **NEIL MOORE** Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council

AS I sit here writing this month's column, I realise it must be the Bank Holiday because it's raining!

So, as the summer comes to an end, this weekend again saw the very popular 'cinema by the sea events', when *The Goonies* and *Mama Mia* were shown on Barry Island.

Although the summer seems to have retreated, it stayed mainly dry, with some rain on Sunday evening. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the two film showings.

Regrettably, I was unable to get there, but if like me you didn't get to Barry Island this weekend, there is still the last event of the Barry Island Weekenders calendar this Saturday, August 30.

You can come and visit the 'Barry Wartime Weekend' – with a flypast from the Red Arrows (I assume weather dependent). This will bring to an end another very successful summer events calendar on the Island, organised by the Vale Council's Events and Tourism team.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone involved in putting this together and hopefully we can do it all again next year!

I am also pleased to report that there has been some other very good news lately, with the council completing the contract with the developers of the Pumphouse on the Waterfront.

I am extremely pleased this initiative is going ahead and it will transform the historic Hydraulic Pumphouse into a vibrant and exciting place to visit.

I look forward to seeing the bars, restaurants and other activities come to fruition, just as we also see the second road to the Island taking shape.

I hope that these projects will be a catalyst to get even more development on the Waterfront, from both the house builders and others interested in investing in the area.

It's also good news to hear that Asda has revised its plans for a major superstore on the Barry Waterfront as the new road to the site is being completed.

Groundwork has begun for the superstore, which will form a crucial part of the development. The plans will improve the viability of the scheme, and they will be bigger, with an outdoor trading area.

Another event during August is the important, if not nail-biting time, when our young people obtain their exam results for both A-Level and GCSE.

I am delighted to confirm that once again the Vale of Glamorgan's schools have produced outstanding results in both.

The GCSE results show a notable improvement, which is testament to the hard work of pupils and staff.

This year, pupils attaining A and A* grades are 1.2 per cent higher than last year, with more than one in five of GCSE exam entries resulting in an A* or A grade, whilst 70.9 per cent of all entries resulted in an A* to C grade, an increase of 3.9 per cent compared to last year.

There has been an increase in A* to G grade passes, which are 98.8 per cent this year, an increase of 0.7 per cent compared to last year.

At A-Level, 26.9 per cent of pupils gained A or A* grades, an increase of 1.2 per cent over last year; 98.2 per cent of entries were also awarded grade E or above – again an increase of 0.4 per cent on last year.

In the case of AS level, there was a fall from last year's figure of 18.6 per cent to 14.3 per cent, with 57 per cent of pupils achieving grade C or above.

These results are a credit to the pupils, teachers and other staff and confirm their commitment to achieving such successes, along with the support given to all the pupils by their parents, families or carers.

I would like to pass on my best wishes to all our students and wish them success in whatever area they may embark, be it study or work-related.

Although August's weather hasn't been very good, with torrential downpours throughout the month, this year's Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show was, yet again, a great success and my congratulations go to the organisers, who not only organised a bigger event, but also kept the rain at bay and even arranged for the sun to shine!

How they managed it without the field being a quagmire was a miracle, but a great day was had by all.

Again this year the Vale Council cabinet put on a 'business breakfast' at the show, where we invited local business people, partners from Welsh Government and the voluntary sector, and those involved in tourism, to discuss the Vale's 'Destination Management Plan'.

We were lucky to have an excellent speaker who has been involved in tourism for many years including working previously for the Wales Tourist Board.

There was considerable debate and comment and we will be co-ordinating these to help us develop and improve our tourism strategy for the county as a whole.

Perhaps I should make it clear that this was not a 'slap-up' event, as some people at the show may have assumed.

The breakfast consisted of coffee, tea and locally-sourced bacon and sausage in a bread roll, so as usual, quite a modest affair.

Finally, on that note I would like to thank everyone who came to the breakfast for giving up their time and for sharing their views with us and for their very valuable comments.

The car ended up resting on its side.

Car overturns on Colcot Road

by GEM REPORTER

A car demolished a wall and a fence in Colcot Road, Barry last Friday morning, August 22, and the driver had to be cut from the vehicle.

A resident told The GEM: "It was at about 10am – there was a loud bang. I made an emergency call. Three fire engines and paramedics arrived on the scene, and a man was cut from the car.

"While this took place, the road was blocked off.

"Paramedics looked after the driver, who was eventually able to get up, and said he was okay."

Coastlands Church and Communities First hold successful play scheme

Children and staff at Communities First Play Scheme in Coastlands Church with Jane Hutt AM and Coun Elmore.

ON August 19, Coastlands community church hosted a successful Communities First play scheme, including a breakfast club and a range of activities for children.

Vale AM, Jane Hutt, visited the scheme with Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children and young people, and they thanked the volunteers for their support, as well as Mike Holmes from Coastlands Community Church, who hosted the scheme.

Young riders enjoy a day out at the Glamorgan Hunt show

ABOVE: Well known Cowbridge trainer, Tim Vaughn, was 'up to weight' when he jumped the Micky Mouse course on his feet (rider under-10) with daughter Grace on a lead rein.

The Glamorgan Hunt Show held at Llangan, attracted riders from a wide area – with good entries in showclasses, unaffiliated jumping, gymkhana and novelty – including a a splendid turn-out of long-suffering ponies in fancy dress.

There will be a fun ride on September 7, starting from Llandow over lovely countryside with optional jumps.

Also Hunter Trials will take place on October 5 at the Alps, Wenvoe (*see web site for information*).

Report and photographs by Heather March

Youth theatre gears up for a busy year

THE Bridgend Youth Theatre is looking forward to another successful year, and next year's senior members' production will be *Jekyll and Hyde – The Musical.*

In 18th century London, Dr Henry Jekyll makes a desperate attempt to rid evil from humankind with disastrous consequences. Featuring songs such as 'This Is The Moment' and 'Someone Like You', the show is sure to be a fantastic follow-up to last year's five star production of *Phantom of the Opera*.

The junior performers also had a great year with their highly acclaimed performance of *The Little Mermaid* with their next show to be announced very soon.

The younger groups will be very busy this term with workshops in acting, dance and singing, as well as improvisation, mime, mask work and much more.

There will also be a new backstage theatre class for anyone interested, including costume, set design, stage management, lighting and sound, and hair and makeup.

Anyone interested should get in touch before the term starts on September 1 by calling 01656 815995 to book a free taster session. For more information go to www.bridgendyouththeatre.com.

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VALE SHOW RESULTS *horse section*

RIDDEN HUNTERS

CLASS 74 Small Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over.
1st, MRS. S. F. CUDDY, TYNYCAEAU FARM, COWBRIDGE; 2nd MISS R. L. THOMAS, BRYNCETHIN, BRIDGEND; 3rd KAY CAMPBELL, TY DU FARM, LALESTON, BRIDGEND.

CLASS 75 Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs and under: 1st KAY CAMPBELL, TY DU FARM, LALESTON, BRIDGEND; 2nd MR& MRS R. THOMAS, LLWYNHELYG, CROESYCEILIOG, CARMS; 3rd MRS ROSE MORGAN, PENYBONT FARM, KIDWELLY.

CLASS 76 Middleweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs not exceeding 14 stone: 1st SCOTT CUSHION, GLAN Y NANT TONDU; 2nd MISS J. BEYNON, BRYNTEG, MYNYDD CERRIG, LLANELLI; 3rd MISS A. WILLIAMS, NEWPORT.

CLASS 77 Heavyweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and over: 1st BECKY ADLAM, QUEENSWAY, EBBW VALE; 2nd CHARLOTTE PROSSER, SLUICE HOUSE FARM, CARDIFF.

CHAMPION THE CLASSIC WINDOWS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winner, MRS. S. F. CUDDY, TYNYCAEAU FARM, COWBRIDGE; Res, KAY CAMPBELL, TY DU FARM, LALESTON, BRIDGEND.

UNAFFILIATED HUNTER CLASSES CLASS 78 Open Local Hunter, four years old and over (need not be registered with the Society) to be confined to horses resident within a 20 mile radius of the Showground: 1st, P.J. BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM, BRYNCETHIN; 2nd, RICHARD PRICE, ROSE COTTAGE, GILESTON; 3rd, MR A.BOWEN &H.H. RICHARDS, TYLA MORRIS FARM, NEATH.

THE DAN RADCLIFFE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
Winner, P.J. BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM, BRYNCETHIN.

CLASS 79 Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms. Mare or gelding: 1st, TASSY HOLE, CASTLE ROAD, MUMBLES; 2nd, JAKE HARRIS, WEST HALL, WEST ABERTHAW; 3rd, JAKE HARRIS, WEST HALL.

THE BRIDGEND GLAZING AND SILVERING CO LTD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY
Winner, TASSY HOLE, CASTLE ROAD, MUMBLES.

RETRAINING OF RACEHORSES

CLASS 80 The Tattersalls and RoR Thoroughbred Ridden Show Horse Class: 1st, MATT MCGIVERN, ODYN FOEDL FARM, PANTLASAU, SWANSEAl; 2nd, MRS. T. C. HATTO, MAES ROAD, LLANGENNECH; 3rd, JO LLEWELLYN, GLENWOOD CLOSE, COYCHURCH.

LOUISE BIRKETT COMMEMORATIVE CUP
CLASS 81 The Re-Trained Racehorse Challenge:
1st, LOIS CORKHILL, LLANVYTHIN FARM, LLANCARFAN; 2nd, REBECCA ATHAY, BARRY; 3rd, MISS R. L. THOMAS, BRYNCETHIN, BRIDGEND.

THE LATE THOMAS JENKINS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
Winner, LOIS CORKHILL, LLANVYTHIN FARM, LLANCARFAN.

SIDE SADDLE CLASS 82 Ladies' Side Saddle: 1st, MRS P.A.YEOMAN, RHOSWEN, COITY; 2nd, TANYA GUEST, ABBOTS CLOSE, MARGAM; 3rd, JANE YEOMAN, HAFOD Y TAGLWYS ISAF FARM, ABERFAN.

THE GREAT HOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE VASE TO THE WINNER OF THE LADIES' SIDE SADDLE
Winner, MRS P.A.YEOMAN, RHOSWEN, COITY.

RIDING HORSES and COBS

CLASS 83 Open Riding Horse: 1st, LAURA GREY, AWEL Y BRYN, LLANWENSAN, GROES FAEN; 2nd, P.J. BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM, BRYNCETHIN.

THE JOHN & SARAH CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
Winner, LAURA GREY, AWEL Y BRYN, LLANWENSAN, GROES FAEN.

CLASS 84 Open Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 155cms to be ridden. Riders any age: 1st, DR. B.M.LEWIS, NEAUADD WEN, LLANHARAN; 2nd, KELLY SHERRATT, DANYBRYN, BRYNSADLER; 3rd, HAYLEY GILL, MAISON ROUGE, NEWBRIDGE.

THE MR & MRS CHRISTOPHER CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST RIDDEN COB
Winne, DR. B.M.LEWIS, NEAUADD WEN, LLANHARAN.

CHILDREN'S RIDING PONIES

CLASS 85 Leading Rein Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Not exceeding 122cms: 1st, RHIANNON JONES, CYNGHORDY FACH FARM, CLYDACH.

THE PRINCE OF WALES INVESTITURE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP.
Winner, RHIANNON JONES, CYNGHORDY FACH FARM, CLYDACH.

CLASS 86 The BSPS First Ridden Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 10th birthday before 1st January in the current year.

THE PETER THOMAS MEMORIAL CUP WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNER OF CLASS 76
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Winner, RHIANNON JONES, CYNGHORDY FACH FARM, CLYDACH.

WORKING HUNTER PONIES

CLASS 87 The BSPS Mixed Height Novice Working Hunter Ponies: 1st, MRS . FAULKNER, BRIDGE FARM, CRUCORNEY, ABERGAVENNY; 2nd, MRS. S. J. BISHOP, MAES DIOFAL FARM, SENGHENYDD; 3rd, P.J. BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM, BRYNCETHIN.

CLASS 88 The BSPS Mixed Height Open Working Hunter Ponies: 1st, MRS. S. J. BISHOP, MAES DIOFAL FARM; 2nd MRS. FAULKNER, BRIDGE FARM.

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MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND PONIES

CLASS 89 Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage Lead Rein mare or gelding, 4 years old and over: 1st, MRS . FAULKNER, BRIDGE FARM; 2nd, MRS. M. LEWIS, CWMCOEDLAN STUD, LLAWYDCOED, ABERDARE.

M.T. MORGAN CUP PRESENTED TO THE WINNER OF CLASS 79
Winner, MRS . FAULKNER, BRIDGE FARM; Reserve, MRS. FAULKNER, BRIDGE FARM.

CLASS 90 Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage First Ridden Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cm, registered in the Pure Bred Section of the Breed Societies Stud Book of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, New Forest, Welsh section A or B: 1st, MRS . FAULKNER, BRIDGE FARM.

MRS G. R. LEWIS CHALLENGE CUP - WINNER OF CHAMPIONSHIP
Champ, SERENA JAMES, PARKVIEW COTT, ST. FAGANS; Reserve , MRS. C. BRADSHAW, UNDERWOOD PLACE, BRACKLA.

CLASS 91 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class: 1st, JESSICA PRICE, SEAGULLS, ST. BRIDES, NEWPORT.

CLASS 92 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class: 1st, JESSICA PRICE, SEAGULLS; 2nd, MRS . FAULKNER, BRIDGE FARM; 3rd, W. H. WALTERS, TIR MYNYDD FARM, BIRCHGROVE,SWANSEA.

CLASS 93 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class: 1st, SERENA JAMES, PARKVIEW COTT; 2nd, JESSICA PRICE, SEAGULLS; 3rd, MR & MRS. P. ANDERSON, PENRHEOL, LLANGATTOCK.

CLASS 94 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class: NO ENTRIES.
CLASS 95 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class: 1st, MRS. C. BRADSHAW, UNDERWOOD PLACE.

CHAMPIONSHIP

CLASS 97 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony: NOT RUNNING.

CLASS 98 BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony: 1st, DR. B.M.LEWIS, NEAUADD WEN, LLANHARAN; 2nd, MRS. S. J. BISHOP, MAES DIOFAL FARM, SENGHENYDD; 3rd, ALISON SALTER, SCURLAGE CASTLE STUD, GOWER.

CHAMPIONSHIP
J PENDOCK PORTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
CHAMP DR. B.M.LEWIS, NEAUADD WEN, LLANHARAN; Res MRS. S. J. BISHOP, MAES DIOFAL FARM.

COLOURED CLASSES

CLASS 100 Open Youngstock Qualifier. 1, 2 or 3 year olds. No foal: 1st, K.PRITCHARD & R. MAYNARD C/0 MARK E.W.TAMPLIN, RUDRY; 2nd, DENISE DAVID, CRAWSHAY DRIVE, LLANTWIT. 3rd, RACHEL MORGANS, CADWGAN ROAD, CLYDACH.

CLASS 101 Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals:
1st, CLAIRE SHILLIBIER SMITH, TY ISAF FARM, BRIDGEND; 2nd, ALISON EVANS & IAN EVANS, SEVERN RD. PORTHCAWL; 3rd, MRS K. BRUCE, HILLSIDE NEATH.

CLASS 102 Open Ridden Qualifier. Any type, any height: 1st, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DALAU IFAN DDU, BLACKMILL; 2nd, CLAIRE SHILLIBIER SMITH, TY ISAF FARM; 3rd, CHARLES & LORNA MORGAN, LLANDYFAELOG, KIDWELLY.

THE DOOBIE TROPHY - UNDER 18:
Winner, K.PRITCHARD &R.MAYNARD, PRITCHARD SADDLERY

POPPY ELERI PRITCHARD CHAMPIONSHIP
Champ W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DALAU IFAN DDU, BLACKMILL; Res CLAIRE SHILLIBIER SMITH, TY ISAF FARM.

PERPETUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY PRESENTED BY M & S CUDDY
Winner, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DALAU IFAN DDU, BLACKMILL.

WELSH MOUNTAIN PONIES 'Section A
CLASS 103 Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling: 1st, K & J. SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG, BUILTH WELLS; 2nd, DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM, GOWERTON.

CLASS 104 Welsh Mountain Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st, DR WYNNE & DAVID DAVIES, CEULAN, MISKIN; 2nd, MR. S. P. WILLIAMS, CHURCH TERRACE, ST. MARY CHURCH. 3rd, MR & MRS J. COOKE, HEATHFIELD HSE, N. CORNELLY.

CLASS 105 Novice Welsh Mountain Pony Brood Mare 4 years old or over that has never won a First Prize in a Brood Mare Class: 1st, DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM; 2nd, S.COULTHARD, TYR HEN FORWYN, HAFODYRYNYS; 3rd, MRS. S.E.V.GOODWIN, COACH HOUSE, PACKINGTON, LEICS.

CLASS 106 Welsh Mountain Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over:
1st, MR &MRS K.HUGHES, BRYN ODYN, THREE CROSSES; 2nd, S.COULTHARD, TYR HEN FORWYN.; 3rd, MRS. C. LANGFORD, TALYGARN DRIVE, PONTYCLUN.

CLASS 107 Welsh Mountain Pony Foal:
1st, S.COULTHARD, TYR HEN FORWYN; 2nd, DAVID HUW FRANCIS, CEFN GORWYDD FARM; 3rd, ANNA JERBO, GADLYS FARM, LLANGYNWYD.

CLASS 108 Welsh Mountain Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st, K & J. SHEIL, TY ISAF; 2nd, DR WYNNE & DAVID DAVIES, CEULAN, MISKIN; 3rd, MR &MRS K.HUGHES, BRYN ODYN.

THE BRYNHEULOG PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP. GIVEN BY THE LATE MRS MATTHEW WILLIAMS FOR BEST WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY MARE
Winner, MR &MRS K.HUGHES, BRYN ODYN, THREE CROSSES; Res S.COULTHARD, TYR HEN FORWYN.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND THE 'PENLLYN' CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN SECTION 'A' CLASSES
Champ, MR & MRS K.HUGHES, BRYN ODYN, THREE CROSSES; Res, K & J. SHEIL, TY ISAF, LLANGYNOG.

THE LYNDON EVANS MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE BEST WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY 3 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER
Winner, DR WYNNE & DAVID DAVIES, CEULAN, MISKIN.

WELSH PONIES 'Section B' CLASS 109 Welsh Pony Yearling: 1st, D.I. & P.A. SELLICK, WESTWOOD DRIVE, QUAKERS YARD RHYDYGRUG VERBENA;
2nd, MRS. N. EDWARDS, NEW BARN HOLDINGS, FLEMINGSTON.

CLASS 110 Welsh Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st, JULIAN RUDALL, HEAOL PENLAN, WHITCHURCH.

CLASS 111 Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st, C & M TAMPLIN C/O MARK E.W.TAMPLIN, RUDRY MEWS, RUDRY; 2nd, F. LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWN FARM, YSTRADOWEN; 3rd, W. H. WALTERS, TIR MYNYDD FARM, BIRCHGROVE, SWANSEA.
CLASS 112 Welsh Pony Foal: no entries.

CLASS 113 Welsh Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: no entries.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND THE THORNBERRY CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN THE SECTION B CLASS
Winner C & M TAMPLIN C/O MARK E.W.TAMPLIN, RUDRY MEWS, RUDRY; Res, F. LEADBITTER, BWLCH GWN FARM, YSTRADOWEN .

WELSH PONIES COB TYPE 'Section C'
CLASS 114 Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over:

1st, MR. S. P. WILLIAMS, CHURCH TERRACE, ST. MARY CHURCH.

CLASS 115 Foal: No entries.

CLASS 116 Yearling: 1st, A & J. PEARCE, GLYNCOCH STUD, PWLL TRAP, CARMS.

CLASS 117 Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old:
1st , SIAN LOCKE, HEOL Y BRYN, PONTYCLUN.

CLASS 118 Stallion, 4 years old or over:
1st, GILLIAN HUWS JOHN, BRYNGWYN, PONTLLANFRAITH.

LOUIS FISHER FISHER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE CHAMPION OF SECTION 'C' THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND CUP FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN THE SECTION C CLASSES
Winner A & J. PEARCE, GLYNCOCH STUD, PWLL TRAP, MARY CHURCH; Res, GILLIAN HUWS JOHN, BRYNGWYN, PONTLLANFRAITH.

WELSH COBS 'Section D'
CLASS 119 Welsh Cob Yearling: 1st, MISS B. NORTHWAY C/0 TALYGARN DRIVE, PONTYCLUN .

CLASS 120 Welsh Cob, 2 or 3 years old: 1st 724 SAM BEACH, NANT LAIS, LLANHARAN; 2nd, 723 DR. RIETHMULLER, MAYFIELD, PWLL TRAP; 3rd, LEE HARMAN, PARK VIEW, LLANHARAN.

CLASS 121 Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st, A & J. PEARCE, GLYNCOCH STUD, PWLL TRAP, CARMS; 2nd, CLAIRE DAVIES, TIR Y GELLI FARM, YNYSYBWL; 3rd, ALISON EVANS & IAN EVANS, SEVERN RD. PORTHCAWL.
CLASS 122 Welsh Cob Foal: 1st, A & J. PEARCE, GLYNCOCH STUD.
CLASS 123 Welsh Cob Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st, RHYS DAVID WALTERS, WEST AVE, CAERPHILLY;
2nd, SAM BEACH, NANT LAIS, LLANHARAN.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS AND THE PARKHOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN SECTION D CLASSES
Winner, A & J. PEARCE, GLYNCOCH STUD.

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP THE MRS HOMFRAY CHALLENGE CUP FOR BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTIONS A, B, C & D
Winner, A & J. PEARCE, GLYNCOCH STUD.

GLANSIEDI ARWEN EVENSTAR HUNT SCURRY
1st, Llangeinor Pentyrch Hunt; 2nd, Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt; 3rd, Glamorgan Hunt; 4th, Banwen Hunt.

THE CALVERT HARRIES MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE INTER HUNT SCURRY
Winner Llangeinor Pentyrch Hunt .

Congratulations to the hundreds of proud prizewinners at Vale of Glamorgan Show

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Prize winners home produce, floral, crafts and children's competitions

Section 1 – Preserves

Jar of: marmalade, A Oliver; strawberry jam, Carol James; lemon curd, Kay Gay; raspberry jam: Carol James; blackcurrant jam, Carol James; red tomato chutney, Vanessa Evans; Tartare sauce, Vanessa Evans.

Section 2 – Cookery

White loaf of bread: Susan Randall; three sultana scones: Ann Lalic; a sausage plait (shortcrust pastry): Julia Preece; five cheese straws: Julia Preece; five buffet corned beef pasties: Pamela Lewis; boiled fruit cake: Maril Hebdon; five Bakewell slices: Jan Rees; five Welsh cakes: Katherine Collins; coffee sponge: Helen Matthews; yoghurt cake: Christine Dibble; lemon drizzle cake: Christine Dibble; apple tart: Vanessa Evans; celebration cake: Sue Freeland; five decorated cupcakes: Charlotte Thomas; five chocolate brownies: Jo Morris; a Victoria sponge (men only): John Harris.

Section 3 – Flower arrangements

An arrangement of all foliage: Mary Grey; an arrangement in a candlestick: Mary Grey; 'Small is Beautiful': Mary Grey; 'Harvest': Mary Grey; an arrangement in a gravy boat: Betty Thomas.

Section 4 – Craft

An item of clothing using 'tie dye': Gillian Jenkins; a tapestry cushion: Elizabeth Meech; a stole or scarf: Claire Binnie; a rag doll: Leslie Evans; an item using recycled material: Saijai Chuencum; an article including buttons: Julia Preece; a baby's bonnet (to be donated to a local premature baby unit): K Mary Turner; a small item made of wood, metal, plastic, ceramics or clay: George Mouncher; a kitchen item using 'Mosaics': Charlotte Owen.

Section 5 – Art

Watercolour: Una Trotman; oil/acrylic: Alys Lynch; drawing: Roy Shropshire; pastels: Alys Lynch; photograph 'Seasons' in colour: Nicola Lewis; photograph 'People in Action (black and white): S Oliver.

Section 6 – Children's classes

Seven years and under:

Picture, 'pattern of my handprint': Simon Payne; a decorated pebble: Evan Brown; my hero, decorated paper plate: Jack Llewellyn.

Eight to eleven years:

Design a picture using leaf prints: Claire Brown; three squares of Rocky Road cake: Mae Thomas; an animal face mask: Kiera Atyeo-Canter.

12 – 16 years:

A Victoria sponge: Grace Thomas; a wartime medal: Megan Bailey; a decorated plant pot: Hebe Thomas.

Chairman's Cup competition: Anne Hooper.

Soubice wants a loving home

The GEM has joined forces with the Dogs Trust to find suitable homes for inmates at the Bridgend rehoming centre.

SOUBICE is a nine-year-old German Shepherd. He has had a difficult time recently, having found himself in kennels after his owner sadly died.

He loves his home comforts, and despite being a big boy, would love a lap to sit on!

He is a strong character, and will need an owner who is used to large breeds and will keep up with his positive reward-based training.

Although he has lived with dogs before, he is not sure about them at the moment – we are working on this with him at the rehoming centre, using positive training methods to encourage him to walk with other dogs.

He is brilliant with people, and loves a good fuss. Soubice is looking for an adult-only home, where he will make a loving and loyal companion.

If you can offer Soubice or any of our lovely dogs a home, call us on 01656 725219 or pop into Dogs Trust Bridgend; we are open 12pm – 4pm every day except Monday, and til 7.30pm on Wednesdays.

Thyroid cancer support group

THYROID Cancer Support Group Wales comprises volunteers who meet regularly at Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff to offer support to thyroid cancer patients and their families.

A spokesman said: "TCSGW is the only designated, registered charity supporting this form of cancer in Wales. Although most of our work is with people in Wales we also support people nationally throughout the UK and indeed internationally - our support work has reached as far afield as Trinidad and Tobago."

The charity is celebrating its 10th anniversary and is launching a new website in September.

For further details about TCSGW, contact Thyroid Cancer Support Group Wales, www.thyroidsupportwales.co.uk, or email thyroidgroup@tiscali.co.uk, or telephone 0845 0092737.

Local anglers battle against the weather!

THE junior angling competition took place on August 17 at the Waterfront, Barry Docks.

Unfortunately, the weather was terrible at the start of the day, very strong winds and heavy rain gusting across the area. At one stage, the officials had a discussion about cancelling the event.

However, at about 11am, there was a sign that the weather was clearing.

Only 20 hardy junior anglers turned out, unlike years gone by, where there were as many as 150 anglers. We decided to let them all fish, as they all turned out to brave the weather.

They were all very keen, and wrapped in all of their waterproofs, started fishing. They were all given drinks and snacks, and were in good spirits.

They all fished until 2pm and turned to the base, the West End Sports and Social Club, Barry, for a presentation. Only a few small fish were landed, smelts, pouting and gobies.

The overall winner was six-year-old Evan Harding and he collected the annual trophy and a rod and reel; second place was Chelsea Warner aged six, who also had a rod and reel; in third place was nine-year-old Jack Warner, brother to runner-up Chelsea. These youngsters were club members' grandchildren.

As we had lots of prizes, we had put all score cards in the heat and drew out the remaining prizes. Everybody went home with a good prize; in fact, most of them had up to three or four prizes each.

It was nice to see all the children's parents and grandparents and the prize giving supporting the event. A big thank you must go to The GEM for their sponsorship and all people who also gave donations; the West End Club; all Seaview Lads members for organising the event and APB Ports.

We will bring it back next year!

AP

Local pro completes a golfing marathon

A PGA professional has played over 100 continuous holes of golf to raise £500 for charity.

Gareth Bennett completed 108 holes (six full rounds) on the Mackintosh Course at Cottrell Park Golf Resort. The raised are to be donated to Hafal, the club captain's charity.

Gareth said: "I wanted to use my skills to support our charity for this year. I thought this would be a great test in an amazing setting. Everyone at the resort has been very supportive and donations have been gratefully received."

Gareth Bennett at Cottrell Park Golf Resort.

To complete the challenge, Gareth took over 78,000 steps over 35 miles from 5.30am to 6pm on Tuesday, August 12. His scores were 71,75,72,78,76 and 73.

Members Neil Evans and Gregor Munro, and junior members Callum March and James Sherrin, walked some of the course in support of Gareth.

Mr Munro, competition secretary at Cottrell Park, added: "I had the pleasure of accompanying Gareth on his final round. He was suffering with leg cramps and fatigue, but his golf was almost perfect with a score of 73 – one over par.

"His six rounds included 15 birdies and he carried a full set of clubs – an outstanding display of ability, mental strength and fitness."

For more information on the course, visit www.cottrellpark.com.

Commemorating the centenary of the First World War

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

HEROIC RESCUE BID UNDER FIRE WON WALES' FIRST VC OF THE GREAT WAR

WHEN war was declared on Germany on August 4, 1914, Britain sent four infantry divisions and a cavalry division, perhaps 80,000 men, to France.

After landing in the Channel Ports and Rouen, they moved east towards the Belgian frontier to take their place on the left of the line of French armies reaching the industrial town of Mons on the 22nd.

They were facing the entire German First Army, more than double their strength, while the French Fifth Army on their right faced the German Second and Third armies around Charleroi.

The British and French troops fought hard throughout the 22nd and 23rd, but were finally forced to retreat by the much stronger German forces.

For the next two weeks, the Allies fell back, pursued by the Germans over dusty French roads in the full heat of summer. Men marched asleep, hallucinated from tiredness and fell by the wayside, because they had failed to wake up when their unit moved off.

By early September, the German armies had reached the River Marne and were only a short distance from Paris. The situation was grave.

Although the Allies had retreated, units had held together and order had been maintained – and it had been just as hard for the advancing Germans. They outran their supplies, their men were tired, horseshoes – vital for horse-drawn supply columns – wore out.

Then an attack from Paris, helped by the famous taxi cabs, forced the German First Army to turn south-west. Now, from Paris to Verdun, the Allies turned and fought back, with the British moving into a gap which had opened between the German First and Second Armies. Frightened that the First Army would be cut off, the Germans fell back.

The Allied advance continued until the Germans had crossed the River Aisne and taken up positions on the Chemin des Dames, the Ladies' Road – so called because it had been built for the daughters of Louis XV to visit their former governess – which runs along a ridge a few miles north of the Aisne, with spurs extending southwards towards the river itself, and spectacular views.

Rather hesitantly, and under German artillery fire, the British crossed the river using damaged bridges, lock gates and pontoon bridges and tried to force their way up the spurs to dislodge the Germans from the top of the ridge.

One such attempt was made by the 2nd Battalion the Welch Regiment, who advanced through Bourg-et-Comin and up the slope, to take the village of Chivy itself on September 14, 1914.

As they approached the village, they came to a small crest. Captain Mark Haggard, the nephew of the writer Sir Rider Haggard, ordered his company to halt in cover and went forward on his own to reconnoitre.

Sergeant William Fuller.

He saw the Germans, ordered his men to fix bayonets, and led a charge over the crest into heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Captain Haggard himself led a group of men to capture a machine gun, but was hit several times just before reaching it.

Badly wounded, unable to move and obviously in considerable pain, Captain Haggard kept encouraging his men by shouting: *"Stick it, Welsh!"*.

At this point, Sergeant (then Lance Corporal) William Fuller, dashed over the crest and carried Captain Haggard back, all the time under enemy fire, about a hundred yards into cover and dressed his wounds.

Captain Haggard was still conscious at the time and realised he had dropped his rifle when he had been hit. He asked Fuller to go back and get it. Fuller made another dash through the fire and brought the rifle back.

For these very gallant acts William Fuller was awarded Wales' first Victoria Cross of the First World War. The citation read: *'For conspicuous gallantry on 14th September 1914 near Chivy on the Aisne, by advancing about 100 yards to pick up Captain Haggard, who was mortally wounded, and carrying him back to cover under very heavy rifle and machine gun fire.'*

Captain Mark Haggard (circled).

Regrettably, Fuller's gallant action did not save Captain Haggard's life. He is buried in Vendresse British Cemetery, not far from where he was killed.

About six weeks later, Fuller himself was wounded near Ypres and so was back in Wales when his VC was gazetted on November 23, 1914. It is said he was actually spending the evening at the opening of the Free Soldiers' and Sailors' Club at the Albert Hall in Swansea and was completely unaware of the impending award of the Victoria Cross. Understandably, he became the hero of the evening.

There is a local connection. Colonel Alfred Donald Mackintosh, the Mackintosh of Mackintosh, lived at Cottrell Park near Bonvilston, where he had married the heiress to the estate. When he heard the story he paid to have the words 'Stick it, Welsh' set in gold letters round the clock in Maindy Barracks, Cardiff, the Welch Regiment's depot.

William Fuller survived the war and afterwards made a living selling fish from a cart around Swansea. In 1938, he won another medal, this time the Royal Humane Society Medal for Lifesaving for rescuing two boys who had fallen into the sea.

In the Second World War, he served as an air-raid warden. Sergeant William Fuller VC died on December 29, 1974 and is buried in Oystermouth Cemetery.

The German hold on the Chemin des Dames was never broken in 1914. In 1917, it was the scene of a major French offensive which failed with heavy losses and triggered mutinies in the French Army.

In 1918, there was a major German attack which broke the Allied line and destroyed some British divisions which were resting there after being involved in heavy fighting further north.

Once more, the Germans got quite close to Paris before they were halted. If you are ever in the area, it is now a peaceful and beautiful part of France and well worth a visit.

There is a poem about the 'Ladies Road' in both its aspects written by Crosbie Garstin after the 1917 fighting. Garstin came back from Canada to fight in the British Army during the war and became a reasonably well-known writer in the 1920s, before he died in a swimming accident in 1930, in slightly mysterious circumstances.

In silks and satins the ladies went
Where the breezes sighed and the poplars bent,
Taking the air of a Sunday morn
Midst red of poppies and gold of corn –
Flowery ladies in stiff brocades,
With negro pages and serving maids,
In scarlet coach, or in gilt sedan,
With brooch and buckle and flounce and fan,
Patch and powder and trailing scent,
Under the trees the ladies went –
Lovely ladies that gleamed and glowed,
As they took the air on the Ladies' Road.
Boom of thunder and lightning flash –
The torn earth rocks to the barrage crash;
The bullets whine and the bullets sing
From the mad machine-guns chattering;
Black smoke rolling across the mud,
Trenches plastered with flesh and blood –
The blue ranks lock with the ranks of grey,
Stab and stagger and sob and sway;
The living cringe from the shrapnel bursts,
The dying moan of their burning thirsts,
Moan and die in the gulping slough –
Where are the butterfly ladies now?

GD

Speaker's vivid account of the battle for Mametz Wood

IN keeping with the many events around the UK and elsewhere in recent weeks marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, Pontfaen Probus Club's August meeting in Cowbridge was addressed by Mr Gavin Davies, on 'The Battle of Mametz Wood'.

Many readers will be aware that this battle, which took place between July 7 – 12, 1916, was the single most significant action of the war undertaken by the 38th (Welsh) Division of the British Army.

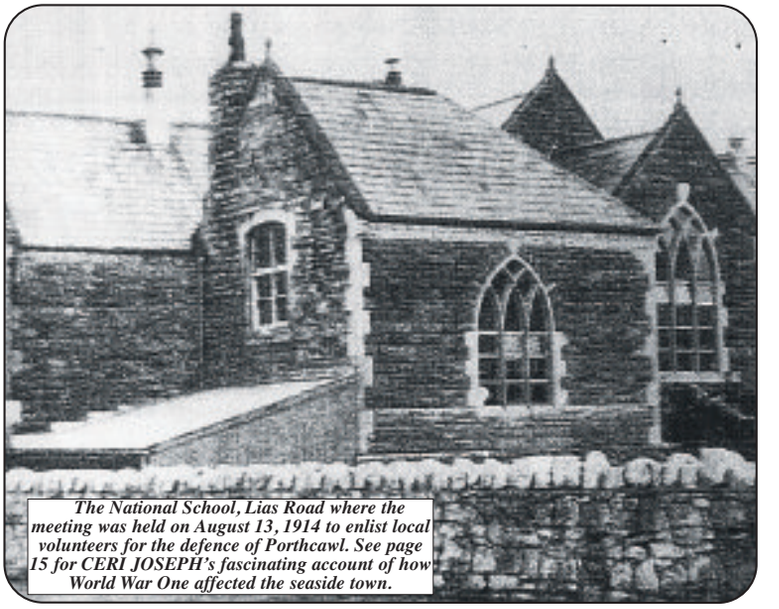
Readers may also recall Mr Davies' writings on related topics which have appeared in this newspaper.

Probus members benefited greatly from Mr Davies' detailed and vivid account of tragic events over the six days during which some 4,000 Welsh soldiers were killed or wounded.

Heavy losses were sustained in the early days as the division encountered machine gun fire from the wood, while in open ground without smoke cover, but the wood was eventually taken after subsequent attacks using reinforcements, allowing progress towards other objectives.

The club is formed of members coming from professional or business backgrounds, who are now semi or fully retired. If any readers are interested in learning more, contact secretary Colin Wilson on 01656 860498.

The next meeting will be on September 16, when Dr Viv Thomas will speak on 'The Knights Templar of England and Wales'. **GD**



The National School, Lias Road where the meeting was held on August 13, 1914 to enlist local volunteers for the defence of Porthcawl. See page 15 for CERI JOSEPH's fascinating account of how World War One affected the seaside town.

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE?

Cowbridge Community College – **Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge** – Install shed to rear of building.

DW Thomas and Sons – **Great House Farm, Llanmaes** – To retain building to house biomass boiler.

Mr Kevan Regan – **2 Eastbrook Close, Dinas Powys** – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Mr Edward Williams – **83 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Replacement of windows to front elevation.

Mr S and Mrs S Self – **5 Hickman Road, Penarth** – Replacement of white upvc box sash sliding windows on front elevation.

Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust – **University Hospital Llandough, Penlan Road, Llandough, Penarth** – Single storey extension to provide gas bottle stores.

Mr David Thomas – **33 Druids Green, Cowbridge** – Front porch extension.

Ms Karen Thomas – **Stable Cottage, Llansannor** – Proposed garage with store above.

Dr Colin Smith – **Harbours Edge, 38 Plas Taliesin, Portway Marina, Penarth** – Enlarge existing lounge window on the side facing aspect of the property.

Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust – **University Hospital Llandough, Penlan Road, Llandough, Penarth** – Single storey extension to provide gallery/artspace.

Trumpton House Limited – **Rear Annex, former Fire Station, Court Road, Barry** – Dismantling and rebuilding of rear annex as part of the redevelopment of the site into flats.

Taylor Wimpey plc – **Land south of Port Road West, Weycock Cross, Barry** – Residential development of up to 200 dwellings and associated works.

Mr R and Mrs J MacLean – **Aberthin Cottage, Llanquian Road, Aberthin** – Two storey and single storey extension.

Mr Bernard Toutt – **The Old Vicarage, Swansea Road, Bonvilston** – Entrance gates, boundary wall and timber fence.

Mr Steve Burge – **99a Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Demolish existing three-bed semi-detached residential dwelling and construct four-bed sustainable dwelling (semi-detached). Amendment to application 2012/00910/FUL, 2012/00911/CAC.

Mr Richard Hawkins – **13 Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth** – Single storey side and rear extension, hip to gable loft conversion and internal redesign.

Mr Paul Broughton – **13 Highwalls Avenue, Dinas Powys** – Demolition of existing conservatory, replaced with two storey extension to rear of property.

Mr Ian Hunt – **Edmonton, 84a Broadway, Llanblethian** – Proposed two storey extension plus sun terrace and other alterations.

Mr and Mrs Stephen Short – **Forty Farm, St Brides Road, St Brides Super Ely** – Demolition of existing farmhouse and farm buildings and construction of a new single storey replacement dwelling with new access driveway off the public highway and detached garage.

Mr Robert Dumazel – **7 Penlan Rise, Llandough** – Three storey extension to side of existing house and single storey extension to rear of existing house.

Mr and Mrs Martin Howell – **Danygraig, Ogmore by Sea** – Alterations to roof space to provide two bedrooms and two bathrooms, front elevation roofline altered. Rear elevation lean-to demolished and replaced with modern construction on same footprint. New entrance door/porch. Associated internal alterations. Semi-derelict garage re-built.

Mr and Mrs Paul Anstree – **35 Celtic Way, Rhoose** – Two storey side extension and replacement of conservatory with sun roof.

Mr Howard Anstee – **38 Smithies Avenue, Sully** – Demolish existing front entrance; demolish existing roof over workshop and adjacent garage; dismantle existing summer room to south elevation; construct new two-storey glazed extension with flat roof dormer to south elevation; new single storey glazed porch entrance to north elevation; new flat roof dormer at first floor to north elevation. Reconstruct singe storey glazed sunroom to west elevation.

Mr Chris Wilson – **4 Walnut Grove, St Athan** – Brick and sloped roof porch to front of building. To enclose two front doors. Existing concrete porch and brick coal shed to be removed.

Dr Aneurin Buttress – **4 Baron Close, Penarth** – Single storey kitchen extension to rear of the property, to include the removal of glass and brick lean-to.

Dr S and Dr E A Marsh – **8 Cae Rhedyn, Craig Penllyn** – Conversion of existing basement into habitable accommodation.

Mr Martin Scannell – **1 Sheepcourt Cottages, Bonvilston** – Conversion of bed and breakfast accommodation to two flats.

Barratt Homes – **Ogmore by Sea Caravan Park, Hazelwood, Ogmore by Sea** – Removal of condition 6 of planning permission 209/1273/OUT.

Mr Huw Llewellyn – **Land adjacent to Great House Farm Bungalow, Penllyn** – Demolition of a portal frame farm building and two outbuildings, construction of a new dwelling, construction of covered car parking areas to serve the existing bungalow and new dwelling, formation of new curtilages for the two dwellings, repair and construction of associate boundary walls and accompanying hard and soft landscaping schemes.

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Mr Stephen Trigg – **53 Heol y Frenhines, Dinas Powys** – Proposed alterations for kitchen, utility and dining room on ground floor and loft conversion.

Mr Ross Chilcott – **6 Badgers Brook Rise, Ystradowen** – Two storey and single storey extensions.

Mr John Adams – **16 Archer Road, Penarth** – Replacing wooden window frame in bay window on the upper floor in either upvc or aluminium.

Mr and Mrs Sexton – **13 St Bleddians Close, Cowbridge** – Rear conservatory.

Rhoose FC up and running

RHOOSE FC's competitive season got off to a winning start at Jenner Park with a 3-1 victory against their Vale rivals, Llantwit Major, on August 19 – although they were held 1-1 at home by league title favourites, Llanelli Town, the following Saturday.

The opening exchanges against Llantwit Major were extremely competitive as one would expect with both sides embroiled in a midfield stalemate in the battle for supremacy. In consequence, there were few goalscoring opportunities for either side. However, the home side took the lead on the half-hour mark with an assured finish close-in from Jacob Daley following a swift counter attacking move down the right flank.

Rhoose doubled their lead on the hour mark with an excellent finish from new acquisition Jemel Easter, the points being secured soon after with an excellent solo effort from Nathan White following a pin-point pass from defender Matthew Philips. Llantwit scored late on through a penalty by Stuart Lindsay.

Llanelli Town provided a much sterner test for the Vale side. Llanelli have title and promotion ambitions this season and the acquisitions they have made in the close season confirm this. Goalscoring chances however were few and far between, although the Llanelli keeper did make a miraculous save from Rhoose marksman Nicky Davison.

The home side did go ahead on the half hour mark with an excellent 20 yard snap-shot, off the near post from in-form Jacob Daley. That's how it stayed for the remainder of the first half, with a 'ding-dong' battle ensuing in midfield.

The second half saw a different complexion put on the game – with the Vale side failing to start, coming under increasing pressure from the visitors.

This pressure told soon after with Martin Giles, Rhoose's central defender, receiving a red card for a second bookable offence. Rhoose were really struggling to hold out at this point and Llanelli took advantage from one of the many free-kicks around the penalty area that they received from an obliging referee.

However, hold out they did, and indeed could have won the match in the dying minutes following two good efforts from White on the Rhoose left flank – one foiled by an incredible point-blank save from the Llanelli 'keeper.

Rhoose faced Llantwit Major again last night (Wednesday August 27) in the return fixture at Windmill Lane; and are home to Cardiff Hibernian at Jenner Park on Saturday (August 30), in the Welsh Cup (kick-off is at 2pm).

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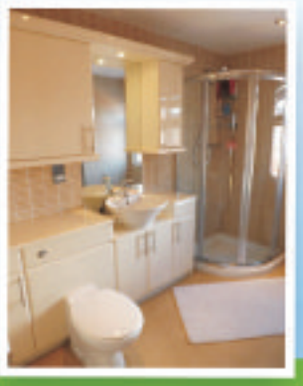

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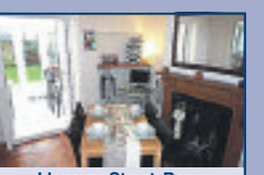

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Sue will be greatly missed by all her family and friends especially those at Wednesday Coffee Morning at Bethel Baptist Church.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Rd, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Rd East, Barry on Friday 5th September at 11:15am

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GIBBS
Michael (Mike)

Suddenly passed away at home on 8 August, Mike aged 78 years of Barry.

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Who wants to build what, and where?

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Mr Frank Moloney – **10 Park Road, Penarth** – Application to erect vision and screen fencing to enclose all-weather surface court area in rear garden.

Mr and Mrs lamerton – **Castleton Court, Castleton Road, St Athan** – Install a log burning stove and flue chimney.

Mr and Mrs Tony Plews – **17 Church View Close, Llandough** – Single storey rear extension.

Mr Clifford Hayes – **Barry Town Association Football Club, Jenner Park, Barry Road, Barry** – Siting a second storage container 20ft x 8ft x 8ft, alongside the storage container we already have in Jenner Park stadium, to store the Vale Adaptive Cycling Club's adaptive cycles, for disabled children, young people and adults to access cycling in the park.

Carter Lauren Construction Ltd – **Carter Lauren Construction Ltd, Bevan House, Penarth Road, Cardiff** – Proposed warehouse extension to the side and rear.

Mr M Wiltshire – **39 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – Single store rear extension.

Mr P Saunders – **Motive8, 11 Park Crescent, Barry** – From D2 to A2 – 'Taxassist' accountancy office.

Mr Peter John – **Land at Middlegate Court, Cowbridge** – Renewal of planning permission 2009/00414/FUL for the erection of a dwelling.

Mr Leighton Vickery – **45 Hawthorn Avenue, Penarth** – Proposed two storey rear extension.

Mr Vincent Pugliese – **Tony's Taste of Italy, The Former Washington Cinema, 3 Herbert Terrace, Penarth** – Fascia sign.

Mrs Ellen Davies – **The Lodge, Penllyn, Cowbridge** – Construct oak timber frame garden shed.

Mr M Baroth – **Land to the east of Ashleigh, Llangan** – Equestrian facilities for private use.

Mr Peter Vidler – **Cwrt yr Ala House, Michaeston Le Pit** – Conversion of existing workshop/former stables to independent dwelling and new access. Minor changes to existing consent already being implemented.

Mr James Buckley – **18 Plas Essyllt, Dinas Powys** – Demolition of existing single skin extension and construction of new single storey extension.

Asda Stores Ltd – **Proposed District Centre, Barry Waterfront, Duffryn Way, Barry** – Variation of conditions 1, 3 and 4 of application 2009/00971/EAR.

Mr Roger Walker – **Stockgrove, Craig Penllyne** – Demolish existing conservatory, construct first floor extension and rear two storey extension.

Ms L Case – **Plot 30, The Hedgerows, White Farm, Barry** – Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include rear conservatory extension.

Mr Thomas Jones – **41 Heol Eryr Mor, Barry** – Conservatory.

Mrs Gail Lancaster – **42 Heol Eryr Mor, Barry** – Conservatory.

Mr Fowler – **13 West Farm Road, Ogmore by Sea** – To retain existing access steps and patio area to front elevation.

Mr David Forman – **30 The Parade, Barry** – Replacement glazing to first floor balcony and cloakroom addition.

Mr Calvin Hill – **2 Harbour View Road, Penarth** – Loft conversion, rear dormers with bedroom and bathroom.

Mr Harmesh Singh – **The Admiral, Vere Street, Barry** – New fascia and signage.

Dawan Developments Ltd – **Plot 3B, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry** – This is a brownfield site: construction of portal framed light industrial and business starter units, creating a small development of units suitable for growing and start-up business.

Hafod Housing Association Ltd – **Land at Pentre Meurig** – Development of 13 affordable homes, access arrangements and associated works.

Barratt Developments plc – **Plot 2 Showhouse, St Canna's Green, former Emporium Garden Centre, Llangan** – Proposed alteration of approved dwelling to include rear conservatory extension.

Mr and Mrs Fulginetti – **West Highlands, Graig Penllyn, Cowbridge –** Proposed extension.

Mr King – **14 Lakeside, Barry** – Conservatory at the rear.

Shaun Whyman – **Outside, 7 High Street, Cowbridge** – Installation of one Openreach broadband cabinet (PCP011v2).

Mr Geoff Harding – **The Rise, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major** – T1 Prunus Pissardi – fell; T2 various holly – reduce by 50 per cent; T3 – Betula Pendula – crown reduce by 30 per cent (0.5m).

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Dinas Powys are left frustrated after Ely Rangers second-half comeback

THIS was the proverbial game of two halves as Dinas Powys slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Ely Rangers.

Ely had the best of the first period but Dinas, again unable to field their strongest 11, came back strongly in the second half and should really have got something from the game.

The visitors went on the attack from the off with Sam Phillips and Nicholas Gardner pressing down the right wing forcing two corners. From the second of these, Gardner got a shot away but it was well over James Curtin's crossbar.

At the other end, a ball threaded through the channel from Ali Akmol reached Ben Ah-Mun, but he scuffed his shot when well placed.

Another Dinas half-chance came when Rhodri Foote played Keiron James in. He squared the ball but the Rangers defence cleared the danger.

The game was end to end, with the visitors looking the more likely to score and after the powerful Jordan Cotterill had spun and shot just wide, they finally got the breakthrough on 18 minutes when Sam Newing controlled a diagonal cross from the right, evaded a tackle and coolly slotted home for 1-0 to the visitors.

Dinas Powys	**1**
Ely Rangers	**2**

Just four minutes later they added a second, Jordan Cotterill getting the better of the Dinas' defence to give Curtin no chance.

The hosts had a chance from a set piece when Rangers' keeper Ashley Hart stepped outside the box with the ball in his hands.

Ryan Garland took the free kick, which was too close to Hart. Dinas began to press hard and get more possession and a strong run and cross by Carlos Indjai reached Jack Preston, but his shot hit a defender and went out for a non-productive corner.

As Dinas began to press, the visitors were conceding a few free kicks and from one of these, after a strong run by James ended in him being tripped, Joe Briscombe played the ball into the box but no-one could get on the end of it and the ball went out for a goal kick.

Dinas made three substitutions at the start of the second period, with Mamadu Banguraso, Briscombe and Preston being replaced by Ronan Scott, James Alloway and Sam Johnson.

It was Dinas in the ascendancy now, forcing an early corner which was cleared and a free kick from 30 yards by Alloway, which Hart gathered comfortably.

A further chance came Dinas' way when Ah-Mun fluffed an excellent chance from six yards but they finally pulled one back.

A free kick wide on the right by Alloway was met with a looping header by Ah-Mun at the far post into the top of the net for 2-1 with 20 minutes remaining.

It was then Garland's chance to level for the hosts but after a fine run, his shot was just wide of the upright.

Ely came back into the game in the last few minutes and Dinas had Curtin to thank, saving a close range shot by Jacob Howell with an outstretched leg to keep the score at 2-1. A much improved second half from Dinas, and they feel confident that when all the squad is available, they will start to get some positive results.

Dinas squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Ali Akmol, 3 Mamadu Banguraso, 4 James Bloxham (c), 5 Rhodri Foote, 6 Joe Briscombe, 7 Ryan Garland, 8 Keiron James, 9 Ben Ah-Mun (1), 10 Jack Preston, 11 Carlos Indjai, 12 Ronan Scott, 14 James Alloway, 15 Jack Coles, 16 Sam Johnson, 17 Alex Hales.

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WENVOE BAG THE RUNNERS-UP SPOT

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Contested at the Celtic Manor Resort, the Stableford competition was won by Caerphilly Golf Club whose haul of 93 points on the celebrated Roman Road course was enough to place them a single point clear of Wenvoe and three ahead of third-placed St. Deiniol GC of Bangor.

Teams from across the length and breadth of Wales migrated to Newport to compete in Sunday's event, with Wenvoe having qualified from June's area final at Penarth's Glamorganshire Golf Club.

AC

Centurions in relegation mire

SULLY Centurions' First XI, again missing some players, lost heavily at Radyr and are now looking at a fight for their survival in Division 2 of the Glamorgan & Monmouthshire League.

The hosts batted first and amassed 236 for 5 off their 50 overs, with opener Rhodri Lloyd leading the way with a well-made 111. It could have been so different had he not been dropped before he really got going, but these are the moments that can decide matches. Four wickets were spread around among the bowlers, with a run out, courtesy of Lloyd Bruce, accounting for the fifth.

In reply Centurions were soon in the mire, with the scoreboard reading 17 for 4 in the 11th over. But a spirited stand between Adam Sylvester (37) and Jake Griffett (30) gave Centurions some hope.

Griffett departed with the score on 59, followed by skipper Lloyd Bruce for 12, leaving Sully on 89 for 6. But the last four wickets fell very quickly, including 3 ducks, leaving Centurions on just 99 all out with almost 20 overs to spare.

Centurions Second XI entertained Blackwood Second XI at Burnham Avenue with a side that contained more over 50s than youngsters for the first time this season.

The visitors batted first and had reached just 12 when Emma Davies claimed her first victim, as Evans played on. However, any thoughts of a Sully victory were soon dispatched. Clark and Shelton put on 174 for the second wicket, hitting the Centurions' bowling to all corners. Both ended up with centuries which set up a big score for Blackwood.

In spite of a late flurry of wickets (two each for Herbie Miller and Don Sylvester, plus a further two for Emma Davies) the visitors reached 272 for 7 at the end of their innings.

In reply Sully lost wickets at regular intervals, with the 5th wicket stand of 34 between Miller (29) and Burnett (17) being the highlight.

The last four wickets went down for just ten runs and Centurions were all out for 110 in the 31st over. For Blackwood the wickets were shared around between all of the bowlers, with the best figures being 3 for 19 for Jones.

With matches running out Centurions have a big task to avoid the drop, but the spirit within the club is still strong.

MF

Captain's prize day a success!

WHAT a fabulous weekend for the annual captain's prize competition at Brynhill.

Club hampionship finals day apart, this is the most popular weekend in Brynhill's golfing calendar. The event is a 36 hole stroke play competition over two days.

This year resulted in the usual full programme of players and events which was more than ever superbly supported by the ladies who manned the refreshment tent on the 10th tee, extracting as much money as they could from the golfers for the captain's charity .

The weekend was played in a great sporting spirit, as is always the case at Brynhill. Despite some inclement weather, there were some tremendous scores posted both on Saturday and Sunday, the outstanding score being the nett 63 recorded on Sunday by Tom Wilcox, who was the overall winner of the captain's prize with a nett score of 136.

Tom has played at Brynhill from a young age when he told everyone at the club that he wished to emulate his father Jeff's achievements in the golfing world. However, Tom wisely listened to the advice given to him by all the members of the 'Box of Toys' group and went his own way, which resulted in this wonderful win.

The presentation was made on Sunday evening in the club house by the club captain John Giles, who thanked all the members for their support, in particular all the ladies who helped over the two days including the ladies who kept the scoreboard up to date.

The captain also thanked Kath Foran and her bar staff and Iain Grant and the green staff for presenting the course in excellent condition.

Results for the weekend: Overall winner of the Captain's Prize -136 nett - Tom Wilcox; Overall gross winner-152- Richard Bond; Best nett Saturday-68 - Daniel Williams; Best gross Saturday - 74 - Jamie Griffiths; Best nett Sunday- 71 - Anthony Hewlett; Best gross Sunday- 77 - David Slee.

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Rowers impress at event

THERE was a fantastic turnout from Barry Rowing for the Llangwm WSRA race recently.

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Some had journeyed down the night before but others made the choice to make an early start to be at Black Tar, Llangwm, on the Cleddau in Pembrokeshire by 10am.

With almost 30 boats and crews, it promised to be a fantastic day. First off was the men's team (Jane, Tony, Ian, Paul, Joe) who acquitted themselves well by finishing 13th out of 18 boats. A personal race with a Solva vets team added even more to the competition. Next time they will be behind us!

The tide had literally turned for the ladies team (Jane, Christine, Kathie, Nicola, Arlene) and the long pull up river on the first leg looked particularly hard. Against a lot of strong competition the ladies did well to finish third last.

Thanks to Towy Boat Club providing two juniors we were able to enter a junior team for the first time. The crew of Jane, two Towy rowers, Bradley and Caroline had a brilliant race finishing third in the under-18s. They even received a certificate for all their efforts.

Last, but not least, were the mixed team of Kathie, Steven, Sarah, Kelvin and Trish. By this time, the river was really flowing and although a shorter course it looked a very tough race. Again the Barry team did well coming in well off the back of the field.

With all of the squad wearing the team strip it was a great advert for Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowing and no one needed to ask where we were from.

Thanks to Jane who coxed three races, Tony for towing the boat down and to Steven who had the hard job of making all the arrangements. A grand team effort!

Next up is the Dylan Thomas Challenge (8 miles) at Towy on September 6 followed by the Solva League race on September 7. **PF**

Weather fails to dampen ladies' spirits!

COTTRELL Park ladies enjoyed a member and guests day recently.

It was enjoyable in spite of the weather, as heavy showers meant most ladies got rather wet at some point during their game.

Each member had invited two guests and the Stableford competition was best two scores out of three.

The winners were Sara Alexandra with Jayne David Royal Porthcawl and Nan Thomas, Glamorganshire with 82 points, second Helen Evans with Gill Hart and Mari Jones, Ashburnham, with 77 points.

Nearest the pin on the 8th hole Helen Evans, the longest drives on the 18th hole, category 1 Carole Duncanson and category 2 Helen Ridgway. All enjoyed the refreshments at the halfway house including a welcome glass of Pimms.

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Brian Jones a legend who 'ticks all the boxes' is honoured at club

THE term legend has many definitions in the dictionary. To many it is associated with someone who has achieved something special, something many can only dream of doing, by someone who has modesty and character and charisma – a role model, *writes DAVID GRIFFITHS*.

Certainly Brian Jones, a local Llantwit farmer, husband, dad, former rugby player with Llantwit Major RFC, Bridgend RFC and Crawshays RFC, ticks all the boxes.

When Brian was contacted about the presentation evening, he probably expected a turnout of a few close friends from the club but such is the respect that this man – gentleman – is held in Welsh rugby circles the attendance was of supper club proportions.

There were not only friends and former Llantwit players and committee members, but also a strong contingent from Bridgend RFC, the club where Brian set an amazing record of 550 appearances at a time when they were arguably one of the best sides in Wales, including the enigmatic JPR Williams among many Welsh internationals and Lions.

Also delighted to attend were Dennis Gethin, WRU president and Mr 'Silver Ball', from Glamorgan County RFC, Howard Jones.

More than a dozen former Bridgend players from the 60s and 70s made the effort with close friend Meredith James, a former front row colleague, arriving slightly late as his 'sat nav' had sent him on a tour of the Vale!

MC for the night, Mark Griffin, opened proceedings by introducing the top table who had come to pay tribute to a special son of Llantwit Major. Of course JPR needed no introduction, Derek King, long serving Bridgend president, Dennis Gethin and LMRFC club chairman Rhodri Jones, were all eager to say a few words about Brian.

Mark's intro began: Brian Jones, born January10, 1940 to proud parents Dilwyn and Charlotte, a brother for Glyn and Hilary and he was brought up on a local dairy farm.

Schooled in Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Grammar, Brian showed early ability and captained the school 1st XV for an unbeaten season against the top schools in Wales.

In 1957, he left Cowbridge school to become a full time farmer. As a 16-year-old, he turned out for Llantwit Major 1sts having represented Cardiff and District youth.

In the next few years, despite his tender age, he played more games for Llantwit Major 1sts, mainly as back row or lock. Then, as a 20-year-old, Bridgend signed him to play against Porthcawl, to start a career with one of Wales' top clubs that spanned 15 years and saw him make 550 appearances, an incredible record that was testament to his strength, fitness, toughness and training – augmented of course by his work as a farmer.

In 1966, he married Diane and they were blessed with son Nick and daughter Clare. Mark said he once asked Brian how he felt about selling the herd a few years back. Brian, in his own inimitable way, responded – "well I don' miss the early mornings but I do miss the cash!"

Mark described Brian as an unassuming, humble guy, a great bloke who never forgot his roots. On supper club nights, former greats like Gareth Edwards and Phil Bennett among others, would make a point of singling out Brian Jones, saying what a tough opponent he was, someone you would definitely prefer to play alongside rather than against. To a man, everyone agreed he was the best uncapped prop of his time who, but for a minor indiscretion in front of the Welsh selectors, would surely have gained international honours.

Mark concluded by saying Brian Jones, a true legend, a character, 'hard as nails' yet a nice bloke, a true favourite with everyone who knows him, respected not only by team mates but also opponents, he played in an era that everyone misses. Those present rose to drink a toast to Llantwit's real legend, Brian Jones.

Next up was Derek King, a man synonymous with Bridgend RFC, president for the past 23 years. Derek said Brian came to Bridgend after being watched by them and Cardiff when Bridgend played Llantwit in an early season friendly.

He played second row and back row up until 1962. When Bridgend played Bath he was asked to step up to loosehead prop (some said he was too small for second row) and despite his youth and being up against English prop Peter Parfitt, he had a stormer and Brian immediately sensed this was the position he wanted to play, a hard position but one where you were always involved in the game.

Brian held onto that position in a great Bridgend team during a period that saw them become Welsh champions four times and runners-up on a further six occasions in a front row alongside the likes of Boyo James, John Lloyd and Meredith James, and a back line full of pace and power and, of course, before and after his spells at London Welsh, the brilliant JPR was fullback.

On January 31, 1973 Brian hit a milestone with his 500th appearance for Bridgend versus Swansea, one of several games that saw him captain the side.

Derek said Brian never missed training or got injured. He told a few off the field stories that again were testament to the character of the bloke – great fun to be with.

Bikes went missing in Cambridge – all eyes focused on Brian; Munster offered a hard man challenge – Brian won heads down or was it fists up? The London milk train obligingly stopped near Brian's farm to let him descend; he must have been wearing platform shoes at the time – and in Gloucester, a hen party in a local Chinese benefited from Brian's act of compassion.

Derek finished by pointing out that it was absolutely ridiculous that Brian was never capped as a player; not only always remembered as being the best prop forward to serve Bridgend, but a player deserving to be compared to any other player in his position in world rugby at the time.

JPR said that when he himself joined Bridgend, Brian was one of his heroes. He remembered well his first game away at Saracens when Brian had a stormer. He said Brian's loyalty was unbelievable and echoed Derek King's comments about training and being injury free.

He went on to say that off the field, Brian was a perfect gentleman and someone who never forgot his roots.

Dennis Gethin is indeed a wonderful speaker and it is sometimes hard to capture his humour in print, but his passion for rugby at all levels, especially grass roots, always shines through.

Once again he said how delighted he was to visit Llantwit Major RFC – grass roots rugby at its best. He turned towards Brian, saying what an absolutely brilliant bloke he was, then remembered losing a push bike in Cambridge while a student at university which, of course brought howls of laughter.

Dennis reflected on one of the occasions he had played against Brian when he almost had to make an attempt to tackle him. Thankfully being a full back in those days such occasions rarely arose. Dennis was certainly relieved to be out of harm's way at No 15 rather than be in direct conflict with a prop forward who had a reputation for being an aggressive ball carrier and tackler.

Dennis unveiled the framed photo of Brian which took centre stage on the platform, saying it was a great honour to do so. He praised Brian as a man who had done so much for Bridgend RFC, Llantwit Major RFC and Welsh rugby as a whole.

Brian has always been one to avoid the limelight, but on this occasion had to stand to say a few words in response. Those that know him, know that he pays short shrift to those who blow their own trumpet or go on about who they played with or against.

He calls a spade a spade and when he talks he speaks a lot of sense, direct in manner yet with a very interesting disposition.

He thanked Robert Davies, Will Norman, John Davies, Mark Griffin and all those involved in the organisation of the evening. He also thanked the sponsors who are also close friends, and like Brian, prefer to stay in the background. Thanks, of course, went to those present who he was delighted to meet up with again. It was indeed great to see so many former Bridgend and Llantwit team mates and friends. Brian did not dwell on the past. Rather he spoke enthusiastically about the present LMRFC side whom he warmly congratulated on their appearance at the Millennium Stadium last season, bringing great honour to the club and the town. He finished by proposing a toast to Llantwit Major RFC.

Club chairman Rhodri Jones closed official proceedings by again paying tribute to Brian, not only for his achievements with Bridgend, but also for his contribution to LMRFC over the years – always a popular and respected figure in the bar – especially on a Saturday in the season.

Rhodri followed former speakers by echoing what a great guy, gentleman and neighbour Brian is and the turnout proved what a hero he is to many and how he is respected not only in rugby circles, but throughout the town and even further afield.

A superb buffet followed provided by chef Justin Giosanu of Every Moment Catering, who has built a great reputation for providing excellent food, building up a good trade for evening bar meals and Sunday lunches at the clubhouse.

The rest of the evening was spent exchanging pleasantries and stories, reminiscing over a pint or two, an evening to remember for years to come.

One of the highlights of the evening was a stats cum history document created by club stalwart, committee man and former player, part time historian Will Norman.

In precis form I will cover some of the details Will came up with. Will disclosed that in 1956-57 season, Brian Jones made his debut for LMRFC 1st XV at the ripe old age of 16, playing at the Rec on Saturday, September 1 versus Ebbw Vale Athletic in the back row alongside Gwilym Lewis and skipper Monty Williams. Marcus Pearce scored Llantwit's points in a 3-3 draw.

The following season, under the captaincy of Marcus Pearce, Brian played in the back row against Old Cantonians at home winning 15-0. His next game saw him moved up to the boilerhouse, partnering J Evans away to Penarth Athletic with N Lewis kicking the winning penalty in a tense encounter.

Later in the season he featured at No 8 against Aberavon Quins, Llantwit victorious by 9-3. In all, he played five games this season – not bad for a 17-year-old in a Llantwit side that was bordering on first class status.

In 1958-59, Llantwit had talented threequarter Viv Griffiths at the helm. The first fixture, versus a strong Glamorgan Wanderers side, saw Brian shine again and he scored his first try for the seniors soon after as No 8 in a game Llantwit lost narrowly 6-5 at Pencoed. In all, Brian played 30 games for the 1sts that season, 11 as second row, 19 in the back row.

The year 1959-60 saw Llantwit officially recognised as a WRU club. Captained by the inspirational Gwilym Lewis, Brian's first game was home to Tylorstown, partnering R Hoare in the second row, Llantwit winning 11-0.

Brian played 32 games this season, mostly in the second row. As a sevens player, he excelled as Llantwit beat Cinderford to win a major trophy and then starring again in the Bridgend open sevens at the Brewery Field, losing narrowly to Cardiff Coll in the final with Brian scoring in the semi and the final itself.

The 1960-61 season saw mighty Bridgend visit the Rec on Monday, September 12. Llantwit lost 29-0 after holding the visitors to 8-0 at the interval. A Bridgend newspaper praised Llantwit forwards Gwilym Lewis, Brian Jones and Neil Thomas.

This game Brian was being watched by both Cardiff and Bridgend and the following week he played for Bridgend. Although Brian left Llantwit to play for Bridgend, arguably the best club in Wales at the time, he always received a warm welcome back in the Llantwit clubhouse and enjoyed the camaraderie of his former team mates and club members alike.

Llantwit Major's Brian Jones played 550 games for Bridgend from 1960-75. When he finished playing top class rugby, he came back to his local side to help coach alongside another former player Neil Thomas, notching up a few more games in the process.

Of course, during his Bridgend years, Brian would also turn out occasionally for Llantwit, on one occasion enjoying a bruising encounter against local rivals Cowbridge.

Will went on to comment that Brian had an exceptional rugby career – first game for Llantwit at 16 playing back row, then second row. On moving to Bridgend, he went on to play 550 times for them covering every position in the pack. His athleticism was a fine asset and he showed this when playing Sevens.

This Vale of Glamorgan, Plas Newydd farmer, a former Cowbridge Grammar school pupil, former captain of the young farmers, former Cardiff and District youth player, East Glamorgan, Bridgend, Llanwit, Crawshays player is a special player for his achievements in rugby.

Llantwit Major is proud to provide a testament and acknowledgment to his achievements. Well done Brian, a truly magnificent local rugby man. I and many others echo those sentiments.

Barry YMCA gymnasts' success in Glasgow

BARRY YMCA gymnasts Clinton Purnell, age 25 (captain of the men's gymnastics team) and Iwan Mepham, age 17, put in an outstanding performance at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014.

The Welsh gymnastic team took the Games by storm securing fifth place, behind England and Scotland, who sent world-class gymnasts, and London 2012 medallists, Canada and Australia.

The boys started the games on July 28 with their first three rotations competing against Australia and New Zealand where the team placed first overall. England, Scotland and Canada then completed their first three rotations and the Welsh team were in fourth with Australia very close behind.

Once the remaining three rotations were completed from all 11 teams, Wales were placed in fifth overall, retaining their place from Delhi Commonwealth Games in 2010.

Following the team competition, the boys competed in the individual all-around qualifications with brilliant success. Clinton, northern European medallist and second time Commonwealth gymnast, achieved an immense score of 82.298 placing him seventh overall, behind the likes of Olympians Max Whitlock, Dan Purvis and world champion medallist Daniel Keatings.

Clinton's score qualified him into the apparatus finals where he placed fifth on floor, sixth on rings and eighth on pommel horse. Teammate Iwan, Welsh Championships silver medallist, placed 13th overall with a brilliant score of 77.631.

Following this remarkable achievement, there will be no rest for the boys as they continue their training with Welsh team first reserve, Joseph Rowland, in preparation for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia. We wish the boys every success in their training and future competitions.

Of course, a special mention goes to Welsh national coach Pete Haysham who has dedicated so much time and effort into getting the boys where they are today. This wouldn't have been possible without the commitment and contribution Pete has put in and we would like to thank and congratulate him for this success.

Barry YMCA is a Centre of Excellence for male artistic in Wales, which boasts many experienced and qualified coaches. If you think gymnastics might be the sport for you, get in touch by calling 01446 724001.

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Iwan Mepham on the rings.

BARRIVALE RESULTS

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for August 19:

1st Mike Close 70.77%; 2nd Celia Thomas 61.62%; 3rd Mark Roderick 60.29%. Mike Close also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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Dinas bag first win of the season

DINAS POWYS FC registered their first win of the season, 1-0, with a gutsy display by their young squad against a strong Llanwern outfit.

The home side started brightly, Carlos Indjai making a strong run down the left. Keeping the pressure on, Jack Coles headed the ball into King Junior Mwedzo's path but Llanwern keeper Ben Fletcher just got to the ball first.

Nicky Bruce then overlapped down the left, his persistence forcing a corner which the visitors managed to clear. It was all Dinas at this stage with Coles linking up well with Mwedzo and Ben Ah-Mun, Coles hitting a shot from distance that was just wide.

At the other end Llanwern finally got an attack going, Nick Hooper and Alex North combining, but Dinas captain James Bloxham was in fine form as always and cleared the danger; the ball reached Indjai who threaded it into Mwedzo's path, and the 16-year-old striker evaded a challenge to slot the ball home to give Dinas the lead on the 20 minute mark.

Llanwern began to press but were mainly restricted to shots from distance, Hooper trying his luck from 30 yards which was on target but James Curtin gathered it comfortably.

However Hooper was persistent and a couple of minutes later he jinked his way through and got a shot away but it was off target.

Dinas got back on top and when Indjai got the better of a Llanwern defender, his lobbed shot from 20 yards forced Fletcher into making a save at full stretch under his crossbar.

In the last five minutes of the half the visitors stepped up the work rate, forcing a corner which reached Michael Bishop but his headed effort sailed over the bar and overall the Dinas defence were coping well and as the halftime whistle blew Dinas were well worth their lead.

Dinas made a substitution at the start of the second half, Nicky Bruce being replaced by Akmol Ali. The visitors started with more purpose, Liam Whiskey hitting a powerful cross cum shot from the touch line which Curtin took, and they then came close with a free kick by Dan Hooper which had Curtin scurrying across his goalline but the shot was just wide.

Mwedzo was then chopped down by Liam Palmer, resulting in a booking, Joe Briscombe took the kick and James Bloxham challenged Fletcher in the air but was adjudged to have fouled him and the chance was gone.

Jack Coles then put in a strong run with the ball for Dinas; he got a shot away but Fletcher dived on the ball with the Dinas strikers baring down on him.

From a Llanwern corner, a goalmouth scramble ensued but Dinas were in no mood to concede their slender lead and managed to clear the danger.

Young Mwedzo was still causing problems for Llanwern and he made progress down the left, squared the ball to Ah-Mun but his shot was off target.

Dinas then rang the changes, James Alloway replacing Jack Coles with 20 minutes still to play. He soon made his mark on the game, Mwedzo playing him in and he was fouled just as he was about to shoot. The free kick came to nothing.

Llanwern were on top at this stage, and a deep cross reached Jonathan Dunn who headed just wide.

Dinas then made their final substitution with 10 minutes remaining, Sam Johnson replacing Mwedzo, who left the field to a lot of clapping and slaps on the back from the Dinas supporters after a fine debut at this level.

Despite the visitors pressing hard for the last few minutes, Dinas stood firm and well organised to keep their lead intact, and the management team of Lee Saunders and Richie Garland were delighted with their young squad's performance.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Ronan Scott, 3 Nicky Bruce, 4 Marc Bloxham, 5 James Bloxham (c), 6 Rhodri Foote, 7 Jack Coles, 8 Ben Ah-Mun, 9 Joe Briscombe, 10 King Junior Mwedzo (1), 11 Carlos Indjai, 12 James Alloway, 14 Sam Johnson, 15 Akmol Ali, 16 Danny Bruce.

On Saturday August 30, Dinas are away to Penrhiwfer FC in the first prelimary round of the Welsh Cup, kick off 2.30pm. **PK**

Usswald the star as Athletic earn tense win

ON Saturday Barry Athletic 1st XI travelled to Newport to take on Newport Fugitives and were asked to bat first in what turned out to be a nailbiter.

Barry scored 116 all out with some rather unfortunate umpiring decisions with three LBW's coming in the Barry innings; the only real score of note was David Goodway who has been showing fine form all season, and scored a hard-earned 47 in 98 balls.

Newport Fugitives' reply got off to a good start and they were going along well and were 115 for 7 when a once in a lifetime event occured.

Bill Usswald, who at this time had figures of 4 for 21 and with 3 dot balls in his over, was bowling quite sublimely. When he had the Fugitives number 8 out LBW the score was 115 for 8 and The Fugitives only needed another two runs to win the game.

With the very next ball Usswald bowled the number 10 batsman for 0; now the score was 115 for 9 and everyone was biting their nails in anticipation at what could happen - two runs to win, one wicket to win and Usswald on a hat-trick.

Usswald came in and bowled the ball, which hit the pads and the whole team called for the wicket; after some time the umpire's finger went up and Usswald earned his hat-trick, and career bowling figures of 7-21, and a one run win for Barry Athletic; a great win and some very happy faces.

Barry Athletic 2nd XI entertained Newport Fugitives 2nd XI at home and reduced The Fugitives to 174 for 8 in their 45 overs with Ashley Baker finishing with bowling figures of 4 for 33.

In reply Barry Athletic scored 178 for 8 with Stuart Evans scoring 33 and Martin Baker 22 as Barry ran out winners by two wickets and a great weekend for both sides.

This Saturday Barry Athletic 1st XI are at home to Rogerstone with a 12.30pm start and all players are asked to be at the ground for 11.15am.

Barry Athletic Cricket Club will be holding their AGM at the club house on Friday, September 26 at 7.30pm; all players and members are asked to make every effort to attend as 2015 is going to be a big year for the club as they celebrate their 125th anniversary as well as 30 years since the club won the Welsh Cup in 1985, so please could all members and players please attend. **MR**

Rainy day start for Brynhill ladies

BRYNHILL ladies enjoyed their 'away day' at Green Meadows Golf Club.

After so many weeks of constant sunshine, the clouds gathered and there was torrential rain for 15 minutes, which saturated all the golfers and their equipment.

A few walked in but the majority soldiered on to complete the course. Well done to all the competitors. After a shower, dry clothes, dinner and prizes for all, the bus returned the ladies safely home to Brynhill.

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TROPHY JOY FOR ROMILLY BOWLERS

ROMILLY Bowls Club's first aim this season was to retain their place in the CML Division 1 for next season when the league reduces from 12 teams to only eight; this has been achieved by finishing a respectable fifth.

With the outdoor CML season already at an end Romilly were hoping to have at least one trophy in their cabinet and Gwyn Rees' midweek Munro Cup side managed this with a victory last Wednesday.

Having lost their opening game against Llantwit Major it looked like an uphill task but with commitment from members the selected teams bowled well to get to a position where there was possibilities of lifting the title.

With four games to go Romilly needed to win all their games and two of these were away against Dinas Powys and Penarth Windsor, who were above them in the table.

Having beaten Millwood there was a visit to Dinas Powys who fielded a very strong side and the 'Rom' were up against it from end one.

By the final end Dinas were holding a two shot lead having won on three of their rinks and it was left to the Romilly rink of Colin Davies, Tony Freeman, Rhodri Phillips and skip Fred Phillips, who had been playing well all evening, to rescue the situation and secure the points, which they did, taking three shots on last end for a Romilly victory by only one shot, but enough for an eight points to six win.

Cadoxton were the next victims as the 'Rom' won by a comfortable 40 shots taking the full 14 points. The next game was against Penarth Windsor who were the current league leaders, therefore a win was imperative to maintain any chance of challenging for the title.

The game was played at Penarth Windsor who also had a very strong side out but Romilly rose to the occasion, winning on two rinks and drawing on another for an excellent 11 points to 3 victory.

With one game to go Romilly still needed to win by a minimum of 11 points to take the title, this was achieved with a convincing win over Belle Vue of Penarth, taking the full 14 points, assuring the 'Rom' of a successful Munro Cup campaign.

Although the leagues are over Romilly players still have important games to play, with rink of Alan Bryan, Mel Newman, George Trepleton and Graham Cogbill playing in the final of the County Senior Fours and Graham Cogbill is joined by Ray Hewitson for the Senior Pairs final; also Romilly are in the finals of the Hugh Meddins Trophy. **FP**

Saints don't break sweat

BARRY Saints steamrolled past Blackweir Ravens without breaking too much of a sweat with a dominant performance, winning 10-2.

Saints took the lead when centre half Rhys Hocking powered home a header from a corner. David Evans then stepped up to score from the penalty spot to make it 2-0.

Nathan Williams added to the scoreline, bursting past the defence and hitting a low shot into the corner.

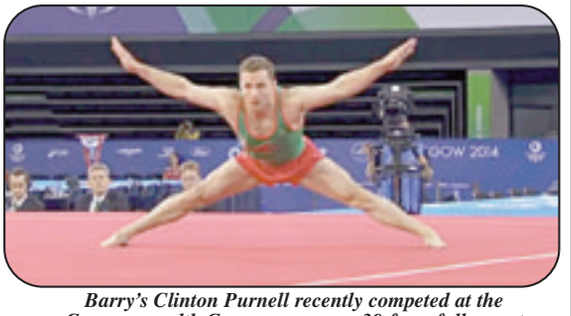
The second half started like the first had ended as Darren Townsend added his name to the list of scorers with a low accurate finish. Williams grabbed his second with a trademark run and low finish.

James Rouse finished a great team goal with a side footed shot from the edge of the area. Blackweir managed to score after some sloppy defending and a lot of luck when a wayward shot found an unmarked player at the back post for a tap in.

Michael Evans swung the momentum back in favour of the Saints with a simple tap in after some unselfish play by Townsend, and David Evans grabbed another after slotting the ball effortlessly into the bottom corner with the keeper rooted to the spot.

Blackweir grabbed another goal with the game all but over, but the last laugh was with the Saints and Nathan Williams in particular, justifying his man of the match performance with another two goals. **GL**

CLINTON STARS AT THE GAMES!



Barry's Clinton Purnell recently competed at the Commonwealth Games - see page 39 for a full report

Friendly 'win' for Millwood

MILLWOOD ran out winners in this end of season friendly in Llantwit Major by a total of five shots, 81-76.

With the league season coming to an end, it was nice just to play a game of bowls without thinking about how the other league teams were getting on, and both sides enjoyed this game.

Although Millwood got the win, the game was declared an 'honourable draw', as no real point total came into play.

Thank you for the hospitality Llantwit Major, and we hope to return the favour next year. Millwood's next game is the Brian Oliver Trophy, to be played against Romilly at home on September 13 (the annual trophy game).

Club finals day takes place on September 6 starting at 10am.